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$101 Million Arts Gift Could Impact Not Only Curriculum, but Campus

Peter B. Lewis, philanthropist, chairman of the auto insurer, the Progressive Corp., and, as of last Saturday, the name attached to the $101 million donation to Princeton University supporting creative and performing arts, has, one could say two brains when it comes to supporting his alma mater.

His left brain could have dictated the $60 million he gave for the Frank Gehry-designed Peter B. Lewis Science Library, currently under construction at the corner of Ivy Lane and Washington Road, as well as his $35 million gift to establish the Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics.

However, it's Mr. Lewis's right brain that has come to the fore with his $101 million gift for the advancement of the arts, announced on Saturday following meetings of the University's board of trustees, now the largest gift in University history—winning by a nose over the $100 million donation by Gordon Wu in 1995 for the University's School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Whichever side was dominant, the gift, he said, will fill a void that he felt while an undergraduate student here. He graduated in 1955.

"I think the gift will give an awareness of the arts and give enough exposure to students so that they won't graduate as I did—not understanding the power of art to enhance one's life," Mr. Lewis said in an interview Monday. "I just think there will be more action in the art world at Princeton.

"And that's good."

Indeed, Mr. Lewis's donation, which had been about six months in the making, he said, could very well not only impact the programs in creative writing, theater, dance, visual arts, and music performance, it could also initiate some significant physical changes on campus.

Robert Durkee, vice president and secretary of the University, said Saturday that the gift will serve as the impetus for additional faculty and fellows, but could also revive the idea of establishing an "arts neighborhood" toward the southwestern portion of campus, near the McCarter and Berlind theaters.

"There will need to be additional space," Mr. Durkee said, echoing

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Hospital Site Taking Shape

Any future development where the University Medical Center at Princeton currently stands became significantly easier to visualize Thursday when the Regional Planning Board, after months of deliberation, voted on Master Plan guidelines that will ultimately dictate zoning for housing, stores, and open space on the Witherspoon Street site.

A major component in Board deliberations stemmed from a proposal originated by the community planning group, Princeton Future, calling for streets to be built through the site, in an effort to preclude development that, some residents fear, will section off the surrounding neighborhoods.

A petition offered to the members of the Planning Board (a group of 42 residents largely from immediately surrounding neighborhoods) called for a "sense of place," and that the "character of established neighborhoods" should translate over to any future development on the hospital site, particularly concerning the potential height and scale of new development. As worded in the new Master Plan amendments, new development could result in up to 280 units, both affordable and market rate, up to 440,000 square feet of development or re-use of current buildings (the current and anticipated medical and hospital buildings on the site currently comprise 440,864 square feet), and up to 180 feet of commercial space that that could extend to the corner of Witherspoon and Franklin Avenue.

New wording worked into the amendments last week could soften the level of density by including the possibility of a neighborhood street running through the site. It remains up to the developer, the Philadelphia-based Lubert-Adler, as to the configuration of the street or if it will extend streets like Leigh or Birch

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Monument Lighting Closer to Goal Thanks to Special Purpose Grant

Prospects of having the darkened monolith that is the Princeton Battle Monument at Borough Hall permanently lit brightened significantly last week with news that a state grant will cover a significant portion of the cost

A Special Purpose grant sought by Asm. Reed Gusciora (D-Princeton Borough), will give $50,000 to the Princeton Parks Alliance for the monument lighting effort, which includes a goal of $125,000.

The effort initiated by the late Joseph O'Neill is now being carried out by the Alliance in honor of the late Borough mayor, who died of complications from leukemia in October of last year. After the $50,000 grant, in addition to a $25,000 donation from Princeton University and $5,000 in private donations, the initiative moved considerably beyond the halfway point, apparently moving the project forward faster than

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ADDRESSING MIDDLE EAST POLICY: U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-New York) made her case for United Nation sanctions against Iran, saying that "we cannot, should not, must not permit Iran to build nuclear weapons." Ms. Clinton spoke last Wednesday at Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton University campus at a ceremony celebrating the Woodrow Wilson School's 75th anniversary and marking the creation of a new University professorship: the S. Daniel Abraham Visiting Professorship in Middle Eastern Policy Studies. See story on Page 7. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)*

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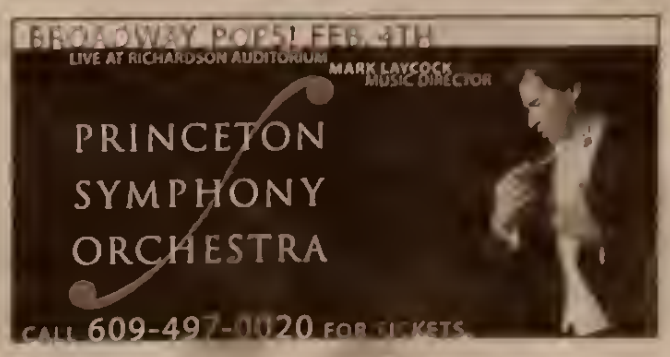

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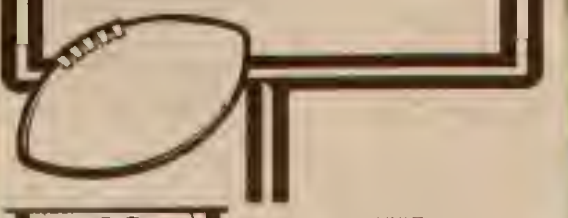

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IT WON'T BE LONG: One of twelve new science laboratories under construction at Princeton High School, this physics lab includes a prep room and a special projects room where students can conduct long-term experiments without having to dismantle their work. Other labs are dedicated to chemistry, biology, and environmental sciences, the latter with a rooftop greenhouse for horticulture/earth science. (Photo by George Vogel)

Fall Completion Date Expected For PHS Labs, Gym, Arts Center

Anne Burns, president of the Princeton Regional Board of Education, reported last Saturday that while much progress has been made in construction at Princeton High School, the new facilities will not be in use until the fall semester. The Board of Education Facilities Committee had met on Friday to review progress, which has been hampered by recent flooding.

Earlier last week, Superintendent Judith Wilson, along with other District administrators and School Board members, toured the PHS facilities under construction. While hopes were then expressed that some of the laboratory classrooms would be in use by mid-March, they are not now expected to be ready until the fall, along with the new auditorium, new gymnasium, and additional classrooms.

New construction and upgrade of existing buildings at PHS are part of a $81.3 million district-wide school renovation and expansion project that was approved by Princeton Borough and Township voters in 2001. Since then, new facilities and upgrades have been completed at John Witherspoon Middle School and at the four elementary schools of the Princeton Regional Schools District.

Progress at the High School includes the transformation of the cafeteria into a bright, multi-purpose space for study, dances, and graduation parties, with double the seating capacity of the original area.

"The new facilities will be worth waiting for," said Charlotte Bialek, a member of the Board of Education and former Board president. "When the new gym is finished it will be able to seat 1500 students. Currently the entire student body numbers 1340. The basketball hoops are already in place in the new gym."

There will be 12 science labs with prep rooms and student project rooms attached, enabling students to conduct long-term projects without having to dismantle them. Laboratories will be dedicated to biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental sciences. A rooftop greenhouse will be attached to the environmental sciences lab. Labs for 3D graphics and design, CAD (Computer Aided Design), and TV production will also be added as well as additional classrooms; data, custodial and storage closets; boiler room; loading dock, garage and storage area; two special education classrooms; and an administration office.

In addition to the new construction, renovations will be made to the existing school buildings beginning in the summer and continuing through fall 2006 and spring 2007; the renovations will include the installation of air-conditioning, upgrades to the heating and ventilation systems, and the transformation of the exist-

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ing auditorium into a media center.

Performing Arts Center

The centerpiece of the construction will be the new Princeton High School Performing Arts Center with a 770-seat auditorium and a state-of-the-art sound booth. Named Trego-Biancosino Hall in honor of William Trego, long-time PHS Choir Director, and Anthony Biancosino, the late PHS Studio Band director, the auditorium will feature an orchestra pit and a generous stage with backstage dressing, costume, and prop storage rooms. Space is slated for set design construction and lighting. There will also be a vocal music room, two instrumental music rooms and adjacent instrument storage space, as well as three ensemble music practice rooms, five smaller music practice rooms and a music library. A new drama room that will hold an audience of about 100 will provide a black-box theater space for experimental work when combined with a rolling stage.

The new Performing Arts Center will be home to all Princeton public schools' performing arts programs. The auditorium will have a ticket booth, a concession stand, and a coat closet, facilitating use by community organizations and students wishing to observe master classes and professional rehearsals. Opening celebrations for the Performing Arts Center are scheduled for October 13 and 14.

While there have been two major donations for the Center from anonymous individual donors, totaling $1,000,000, more funding is being sought, according to Allson Fox, president of the Princeton Education Foundation and co-chair, with Shari Powell, of its "Take A Seat" campaign: "We hope to raise funds for the choral shell, acoustic curtain, and stage extender [pit cover]," said Ms. Fox. The "Take A Seat" campaign is selling naming rights to the seats in the auditorium and to other spaces. Seats can be named for contributions per seat of $250 (Supporter: mezzanine), $500 (Patron: rear orchestra) and $1,000 (Benefactor: front orchestra).

"Take A Seat" was launched by the Princeton Education Foundation last year. So far, 73 of the 770 seats have been sponsored in honor of family members, former and current students, and teachers. One is dedicated to all PRS teachers, one to the PHS Latin Club. A PHS staff member has dedicated a seat using the school's motto "Live to Learn, Learn to Live."

Naming of Performance Center spaces will be recognized by dedicated plaques on the sponsored space at levels from $1,500 to $50,000 and above. Further information about the "Take A Seat" campaign, including donation forms, can be found on the Princeton Education Foundation's web site: www.pefnj.org; by email at infor@pefnj.org; or by calling (609) 806-4214.

Topics In-Brief:
A Community Bulletin

Chez Alice, the 15-year-old gourmet shop formerly at 254 Nassau Street next to Nassau Seafood Co. will reopen in March at 5 Palmer Square West, which, until Monday, had been home to Bucks County Coffee Co. Kelly Hamdan, owner of Chez Alice, which will change its name to "Chez Alice Gourmet Cafe and Bakery," said the new location will include a 40-seat cafe as well as the shop's well-known gourmet pastries. "We've grown pretty big," said Ms. Hamdan, pointing to cafes at the Princeton Public Library and Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton. David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square Management, said it has long been the Square's aim to bring in a gourmet shop. A sign on the Bucks County storefront simply said a new lease was not renegotiated, but that a stand would remain at McCaffrey's at the Princeton Shopping Center. Chez Alice is still accepting catering orders in the month until the new location opens by calling (609) 586-5050.

A recently published report by the priorities committee of the trustees of **Princeton University** indicated that the costs of undergraduate living will rise 4.9 percent for the 2006-07 academic year to $42,200, up from $40,213. The report labeled the increase as falling "at the high end of the range of percentage," but said the hike was necessary, "given the rising costs of higher education." Undergraduate costs for the coming academic year, as listed on the University's Web site, include: $33,000 for tuition; $4,885 for room; and $4,315 for board. The report went on to indicate that graduate tuition and related fees are expected to increase by similar levels.

Library Place resident **Jenny Crumiller** was elected to succeed Scott Carver as president of the **Princeton Community Democratic Organization** Sunday night at the Suzanne Patterson Center. Ms. Crumiller handily defeated Leabrook Lane resident Dick Bergman 156-59, with Peter Lindenfield defeating Anne Neumann for the recording secretary post.

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Tusculum Owners to Sell Part of Property, Saving 35 Acres from Development

Princeton Township Committee Monday night introduced a bond ordinance, that, if approved February 6, will purchase a sizable chunk of the former John Witherspoon estate, "Tusculum," to be preserved for open space.

A principal has been reached with the owners of Tusculum, Thomas and Avril Moore, for the Township to purchase 35 acres of the 60-acre estate on Cherry Hill Road — lands that abut Community Park North and John Witherspoon Woods — for approximately $2.9 million.

Some residents, particularly a local conservationist group, the Friends of Princeton Open Space, had been concerned that Tusculum might be used as a location for development. That concern seems to have been alleviated by the Township's purchase and its intention to increase public access to the lands once occupied by Witherspoon, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the first president of Princeton University (then the College of New Jersey).

Built in 1773, Tusculum was Witherspoon's summer home, the surrounding acreage his farm. The National Register boundaries are confined to 20 acres surrounding the house, with the barn considered as a premiere example of early 18th century barns in New Jersey.

In addition to the house and barn, Princeton Township Attorney Edwin Schmierer said the Moores would retain about 23 acres, adding that they have agreed to waive any post-appraisal amount exceeding the Township's $2.9 million.

Some funding to offset the Township's purchase price include a $300,000 direct grant from Mercer County's Acquisition Open Space Fund; a second $300,000 grant from Mercer County; and a $500,000 Green Acres Direct Acquisition Grant. Friends of Princeton Open Space are also pursuing $400,000 from the state's Green Acres program; a $300,000 Mercer County Grant; $300,000 from a future Green Acres grant; and a standing commitment from the Concordia Foundation for $200,000.

In other news, Princeton Township agreed to donate $5,000 to Princeton Community Housing to cover administrative costs as a way of consolidating complicated bureaucratic steps in applying for affordable housing. The aim, said PCH executive director Sandra Rothe, is to create a "delivery system" that forges a partnership between public and private entities when families are seeking out affordable housing. A consolidation study will be conducted by David Kinsey, noted planner and affordable housing consultant.

On Monday members of Township Committee discussed conducting some meetings in a more informal setting, like the Community Room at the Princeton Public Library, particularly in the light of the success and community involvement in the recent study presentations on Route 206. "People can come and express their concerns," said Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller. "We've got an open mic." While nothing is set in stone, Committee set an initial Library meeting for March 13 at 6:30 a.m.

— Matthew Hersh

Lunar New Year Celebrated With Dance, Calligraphy

Princeton Public Library's observance of Lunar New Year will continue this weekend with separate programs on calligraphy and dance.

This Saturday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m., Princeton Public Library staff member Jenny Guo will present an interactive demonstration of the fine art of calligraphy. Ms. Guo, who usually works in the Reference and Adult Services department, will demonstrate calligraphy before assisting young people in creating a bookmark with their name in Chinese characters.

The program, designed for young people ages 7 to 10, will be in the third floor Activity Room. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call (609) 924-9529, ext. 240 to register.

Students from the Waldorf School of Princeton will close out the library's Lunar New Year celebration with a program of dance beginning at 3 p.m. in the first floor Community Room.

Accompanied by professional musicians and dancers, the students will perform a variety of dances, including a dragon dance.

Under the director of Nigh Yuan Yu, an author and teacher who studied at Nanjing University, Lu Xun Literature College and Beijing University, the Waldorf School offers an extensive Chinese language program. Beginning at age 6, students learn Chinese songs and poems, phrases and games. As they advance, the children learn calligraphy. Examples of their work is on display on the third floor of the library through February 2.

The library's Lunar New Year observance began last Friday with a benefit performance by the Chin Yun Chorus. The group sang before an audience of more than 100 at the library to raise funds for the purchase of library materials related to Chinese culture.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. When programs require registration, preference is given to library cardholders. The library is in the Sands Library Building at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough. Special assistance is available for library customers with disabilities. Those with special needs should contact the library 48 hours before any program to arrange for accommodations. Call (609) 924-9529.

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Hospital Site

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avenues through the site.

Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS), the hospital's parent company, announced in November that it would relocate both the hospital and Merwick Care Center, currently on Bayard Lane, to a $350 million, state-of-the-art facility on a 160-acre tract near Plainsboro Road in Plainsboro. In addition to Lubert-Adler, Princeton University has agreed to terms that will result in the school's acquisition of the nine acres at Merwick and a two-acre surface parking lot adjacent to the hospital on Franklin Avenue. The cost of the sales of the three sites, which has not been disclosed by PHCS, will go toward the cost of the new facility.

The issue of the through street, which is a perceived victory for Princeton Future and residents in favor of such a configuration, does not appear to be a closed matter, however. While that element of the Master Plan amendment was approved 9-0 by the Planning Board and must now be considered by any developer, architect J. Robert Hillier, a consultant who has been working with PHCS on future designs of the hospital site as the hospital pursued an attractive sale offer from prospective developers, said a through street could prove to be more difficult than some might think.

One idea for a through street continuing to Harris Road past the current garage would be a "physical impossibility," Mr. Hillier said, because a street would need up to 60 feet, taking out two houses on Harris Road.

Princeton Future has suggested streets more in the vein of narrow throughways like Bank and Pine Streets, but Mr. Hillier, who is also a minority owner of Town Topics, has said in the past that including streets as part of the development subtracts the level of housing a developer could build into the area.

Planning Board members Phyllis Marchand and Marvin Reed said a street should not be mandated in the master plan, but could be left up to the developer. "We've mandated 50,000 square feet of open space for this development, which is considerably more than what is there now," Mr. Reed said, adding that those levels could increase, but not "if we start carving it up with a street.

"I think there could be playgrounds in this area that will be available to residents in the neighborhood and open space for Franklin Avenue, but I don't see a need for a street actually going through," he said.

Board member Peter Madison took an even more decisive tone in arguing against a roadway on-site: "In my opinion, streets don't serve people, they serve cars."

But Alan Goodheart, a local landscape architect, maintained that a through street "does not mean straight necessarily," and that, echoing Princeton Future's assertion, a street does not need to be 60 feet wide, adding that a street can be "casual" in a neighborhood.

Ron Berlin of Jefferson Road said a street built through the site does not "exclusively" need to be linked to Harris Road, but emphasized the importance of a throughway that is not in the manner of a cul-de-sac: "If you have any hope of creating some semblance of a neighborhood, I think that is really of the essence."

Members of the Planning Board also supported the idea of increasing walking areas, allowing residents of surrounding neighborhoods to walk in and out of any new development with relative ease.

At the end of the day, a sense of somewhat reluctant compromise seemed to prevail, and the audience applauded when Master Plan language was adopted to "envision" a roadway in any future development.

"I think the outcome reflects a wise balance between the neighbors and the needs of the community and the health needs of the region," said Barry Rabner, president and CEO of PHCS. He added that in regard to Lubert-Adler, the prospective developer of the hospital site, a final agreement of sale is being drafted.

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Rescue Report

On Thursday afternoon, January 19, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to a Princeton University dorm for an unconscious person who fell down half a flight of stairs. Upon arrival, the Squad found a 22 year-old male patient responsive only to painful stimuli. The crew worked in the cramped stairwell to immobilize the patient's head, neck and spine and administered oxygen prior to transport. While en-route to the trauma center at Capital Health Systems – Fuld Campus, the patient regained consciousness, but could not recall the events immediately prior to the incident.

Friday January 20, was a busy day for the Squad with fifteen calls, including four medical emergencies in less than an hour. Two crews handled the four calls, two of which occurred at the same time at the same nursing home, with both patients experiencing chest pain and shortness of breath.

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With Rising Threats in Middle East, Clinton Calls for Sanctions on Iran

Warning that a "nuclear Iran" would pose a threat to Israel and the Middle East in general, U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-New York) said last Wednesday that the United States should encourage the demolition of nuclear weapons. She also urged U.N. sanctions toward Iran.

Ms. Clinton spoke on Middle East policy at a Richardson Auditorium event commemorating both the Woodrow Wilson School's 75th anniversary and the creation of the S. Daniel Abraham Visiting Professorship in Middle Eastern Policy Studies. It was named after the former chairman of Slim-Fast Foods, and a long-time supporter of Middle East peace process who helped fund Birthright Israel, a program that sponsors tours of Israel for young American Jews. Mr. Abraham also co-founded the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, a group based in Washington that has supported the Oslo peace accords.

The first holder of the professorship is Daniel Kurtzer, a former U.S. ambassador to both Israel and Egypt. Both men were on hand for Ms. Clinton's address, but did not deliver remarks.

Ms. Clinton praised the the mission of the Woodrow Wilson School, saying that its founders had the vision to know that the impact of the "immediate" could have potential adverse effects on the future.

"We need that kind of vision today; we need to hold fast to the core principals and rise to the challenges of our time," she said to a largely supportive capacity crowd.

She also emphasized a need to "overcome ideology and partisanship" and create a unified vision when it came to dealing with particular policy objectives in the Middle East. "We cannot lead the rest of the world without our own vision," she said, adding that increased defense led to "missed opportunities" in the war on terrorism.

In a not-so-veiled criticism of the Bush Administration, Ms. Clinton said that American optimism and the reality of the situation on the ground should create a balance, adding that decisions need to be "evidence-based," rather than carrying out ideology.

"We need leadership throughout the rest of the world, but perhaps leadership is needed the most in the Middle East," she said. Ms. Clinton, the former first lady, and potential 2008 presidential candidate, expressed a strong support for the Israeli state, saying that a stable Israel is the benchmark of of a stable Middle East.

To that end, Ms. Clinton regarded recent comments posed by the newly-elected Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as "outrageous," referring to his call for a summit to determine if the Holocaust did occur.

And at perhaps the most serious moment in her 40-minute address, Ms. Clinton said: "We cannot, should not, must not permit Iran to bulid nuclear weapons."

The senator also called for an increase in the standard of living for Palestinians and declared that the recent Israeli withdrawals from Israeli-occupied territories were only "part of the equation.

"The Palestinian people deserve a better future," she said, adding that there is a need for Palestinian and Israeli leaders to "engage in a meaningful dialogue." She aiso said that for the militant faction of the Palestinian population, there were "no more excuses" for continuing a stalemate too frequently punctuated with violence.

As for the war in Iraq, Ms. Clinton said there were "no quick, easy solutions," but that a working government needs to be established. She did, however, acknowledge the progress made in the Middle East: "We have, however, overcome great odds."

— Matthew Hersh

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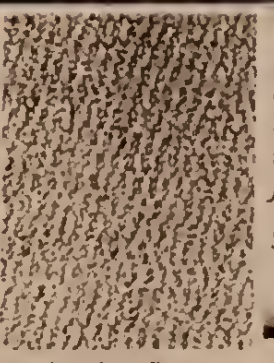
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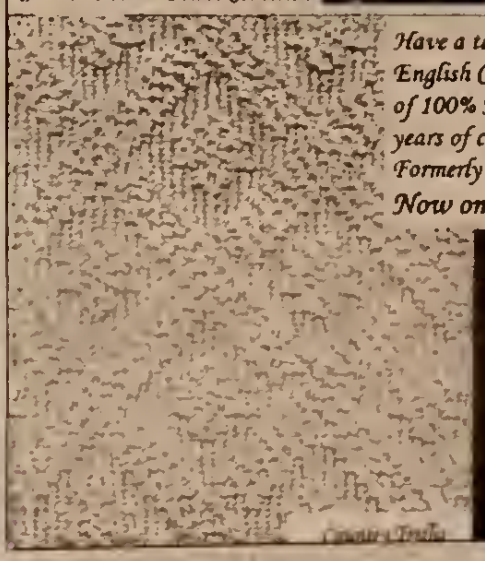
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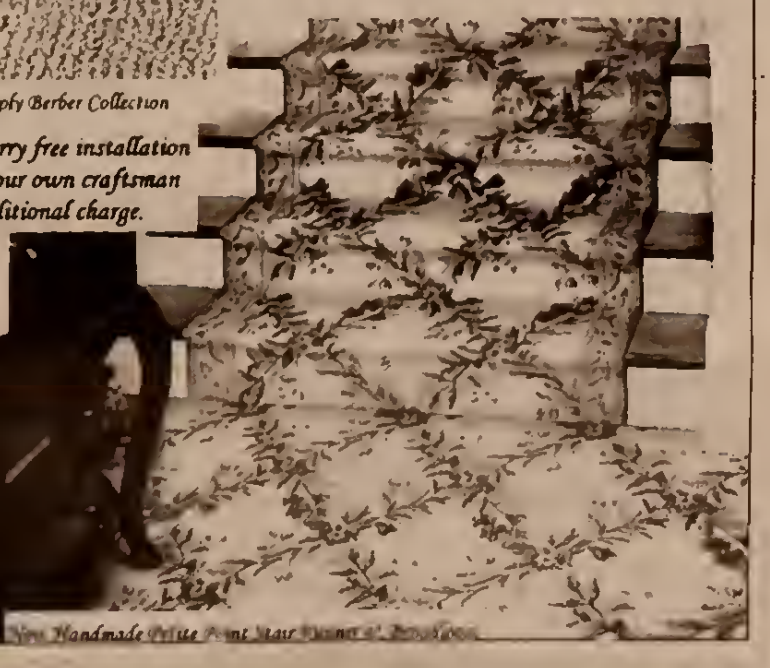
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The **Newcomers Club** at the YWCA Princeton will meet on Friday, February 10 at 11:45 a.m. in the YWCA all-purpose room. Lisa Botalico, a dancer with the Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre, will present a program of Spanish dance, song, and music.

The Newcomers' Club gives persons new to the area, or who have recently experienced a lifestyle change, a way to make friends and get acquainted with their new surroundings.

Those interested are invited to attend one general meeting, one social coffee, and one interest group activity before joining. Concurrent membership in the YWCA is a requirement. The club costs $35 to join, reduced to $17.50 starting February 1. For more information, call Louise Senior at (609) 688-8847.

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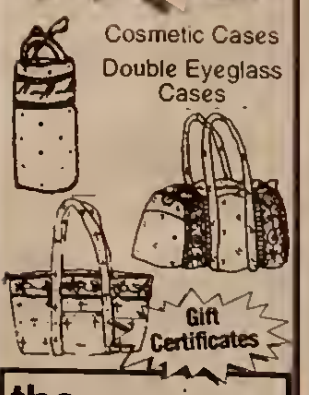

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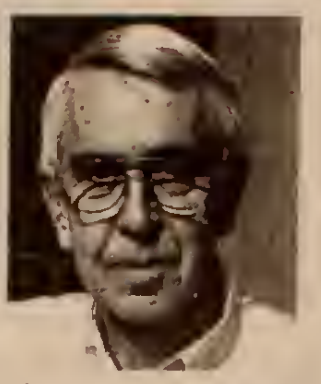

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$101 Million Gift

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the initiative put forth in University President Shirley Tilghman's report calling for more "physical space to house the new and expanded programs in the creative and performing arts," and citing the area south of the theaters on Alexander Street. While no final decisions have been made on the location of those neighborhoods or even what those spaces will be, Mr. Durkee said that significant time will be spent reviewing those prospects in the coming months.

With McCarter and Berlind, there have been ongoing talks about straightening out University Place so that it connects with Alexander Road further to the south. Doing so, Mr. Durkee said, could free up space for an additional facility (or "facilities") for the arts.

The other location that is being explored is the area just west of 185 Nassau Street, the former Nassau Street Elementary School that is now home to several creative arts programs. It is expected that when the chemistry and psychology departments leave adjacent Frick and Green halls, the University could expand its creative arts programming there to form an expanded arts complex with 185 Nassau.

"We need to do some more work to figure out which of these locations makes the most sense," Mr. Durkee said, adding that one of the benefits of the Lewis gift is that it is flexible.

Mr. Lewis affirmed that sentiment, saying that he was "confident that the University will be making the right calls." That said, he pointed to his role as a University trustee as a medium for assisting the University through the appropriations process, and maintained that as a trustee, he would remain "informed and presumably involved."

During the University's so-called "modern era," generally encompassing the 20th century to the present, Mr. Lewis's cumulative gifts, and annual giving, at $202 million, exceed those given by anyone. Mr. Durkee said one element that stands out the most in those "exceedingly generous" donations, is the fact that the monies have gone to support certain University projects with high priorities, citing, in particular, the development of the genomics institute, the creation of the science library with Frank Gehry's architectural stamp, and, most recently, the arts initiative.

"It's been a remarkable level of generosity," said Mr. Durkee.

Mr. Lewis took a decidedly humbler tone, saying that the gift, if successful, should benefit those beyond the University's walls: "The town's a great place to live, I have family in Princeton, so it's great, if the people of Princeton University have a better experience, the people of Princeton will have a better experience."

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University Administrator To Assume Role at Hospital

Pam Hersh, Princeton University's director of community and state affairs since 1990, will join Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS) as vice president of Government and Community Affairs, according to a hospital statement released Tuesday.

Ms. Hersh will be responsible for directing the organization's government affairs functions, coordinating communications surrounding University Medical Center at Princeton's relocation and managing community relations and outreach to targeted audiences including seniors. "Our relationships with the communities we serve and with the municipal officials who represent them are critically important to us," said Barry Rabner, PHCS president and CEO, on why the position was created.

Ms. Hersh's responsibilities at Princeton University included overseeing the school's relationships with the state government and the counties and municipalities in which the University resides, directing the University's Community Education and Outreach Programs and serving as the University's liaison on numerous community boards and commissions.

From 1977 until 1990, Ms. Hersh was the managing editor and a reporter for The Princeton Packet. She now writes a bi-weekly, award-winning column for the Packet.

Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said, "Over the many years I have worked with Pam, she has forged very strong professional relationships with people at the state, county and local levels, and this has benefited the University. I am sure that those skills and experience will be very valuable to University Medical Center at Princeton as it embarks on a new and very exciting era."

Eight Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported eight births to area residents during the week ending January 10.

Sons were born to Sandra and Trevor Selby, Princeton, January 2; Vivian Matar Grandi and Marcos Grandi, Lawrenceville, January 5; Sylvia Sung Silva and Alberto Silva, Princeton Junction, January 5; Julissa Guzman, Princeton, January 6; Wendy and Andrew Hersh, Princeton, January 7; Avagail and Jamie Morgan, Lawrenceville, January 8; and Oksana Dvinyaninova and Vitaly Smirnov, Lawrenceville, January 9;

A daughter was born to Maryna Griganskaya and Christopher Tully, Lawrenceville, on January 9.

Tax Help for Seniors Available Next Week

The Princeton Senior Resource Center will again sponsor free tax assistance for low and moderate income older adults in the wider Princeton area who are filing uncomplicated personal returns.

Trained volunteers from AARP will be available to prepare New Jersey State and Federal returns.

Returns may be filed electronically.

Since volunteers are particularly familiar with tax regulations and rebate programs that affect seniors, the program serves mainly older adults.

Assistance is available **by appointment** at the following times and locations beginning February 3:

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Monument Lighting

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expected.

Last year, Mr. O'Neill had begun conversations with Jefferson Road resident Charles Stone, a partner with the architectural lighting firm Fisher Marantz Stone, who agreed to work on the monument's lighting.

In October the monument was temporarily illuminated as a preview of how it would appear when lit. In addition to visual aesthetics, a lit monument could provide a "drawing effect" for the western end of town, said Andrew Koontz, president of the Alliance, adding that the grant is "a tremendous step forward.

"We're very happy that the project is on track and I think we can look forward to actually seeing it accomplished," he said, adding that a concurrent cleaning project, which is being handled by the state, should be complete by the end of the year. The goal, Mr. Koontz said, is for the lighting effort to be completed at the same time.

The state grant awarded to the Alliance allows the group to move forward into the design phase, which will be followed by the pursuit of corporate funding. Since negotiations are still underway, Mr. Koontz would not elaborate on which corporations were being solicited.

The Alliance will host a fund-raiser April 29 at Palmer House from 5 to 8 p.m., offering a history of the Battle of Princeton and of the monument itself. Mr. O'Neill's wife, Anne, has agreed to host that event, with proceeds going to the monument fund.

This is the second attempt to shed light on the monument. the first having come 13 years ago, but at the time, the finances of the projects delayed the overall effort.

The progress of the project this time around serves as a fitting tribute to Mr. O'Neill, who identified the monument lighting as one of his goals as mayor. "I can't think of a better legacy to Joe O'Neill," said Mr. Gusciora.

In addition to contributing to the monument lighting effort, the Alliance has set its sights on improving Harrison Street Park and Pine Street Park. Mr. Koontz also indicated that Quarry Park, lodged between Spruce Circle and Spruce Street, would also be examined by the group.

The Thomas Hastings-designed Battle Monument was completed in 1922 and unveiled by President Warren G. Harding.

—Matthew Hersh

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The First Year of Marriage

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

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QUESTION: *My wife and I have been married about two months, and we've been having a few arguments. I doubt this means that our marriage is in trouble, but it does worry us that we're doing something wrong. Are we?*

ANSWER: A popular myth is that the first year of marriage is magically blissful, the couple being almost immune from normal pressures due to being on Cloud 9. Yet, think about it. Marriage is the most powerfully intimate of all relationships, the goal being to truly understand and love one another. No easy task!

A new relationship passes through phases of increasing intensity. First, there is dating where you nervously and tentatively begin to get to know one another, your unspoken fear being that once your mask falls off that your girlfriend shrieks in horror at the loser standing in front of her. Then, when insecurity begins to melt, the relationship begins to grow to the point that you take the big plunge and propose, the original purpose of getting engaged being to so intensify the relationship that you could see whether or not it would really work.

So, when you actually enter the third stage of getting married, you might expect that now you can relax as all your issues are behind you. Nothing could be further from the truth. Now you are living with each other every day, and must face the numerous differences between you that simultaneously end ironically enrich and threaten the marriage.

- Do you want children? If so, how many? How will you discipline them?
- Do you go to church or synagogue? In what faith will the kids be raised?
- Who sleeps on what side of the bed? Do you snuggle or want your space in bed?
- Are you neat or a bit of a slob? Do you squeeze the toothpaste from the bottom or top? Do your clothes end up in a pile wherever your undress?
- Is a night out a movie, a play, dining with ambiance, or a hot dog at a ball game?

Happiness is not a *product* purchased with the resolution of all these issues, but rather a creative and lifelong *process* to empathically understand one another, compromising sometimes, reaching a mutual agreement at other times, or just agreeing to disagree. As we continually grow and change, this process is always exciting and never dull, and offers such depth that what happiness you attain today is but a hint of what is to come. How boring it would be if you attained perfection in 6 months and then coasted for the rest of your life. Instead, look at a couple who renews their vows after 25 or 50 years. Their "I do" is filled with years of hard work achieving increasing levels of intimacy, trust and love. And they are *still* growing!

So, if there are a few bumps in the first year of your marriage, relax, it's not only normal, it's healthy.

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Engagements

Heather Lee and Dan Matthies

Lee-Matthies. Heather Lee, daughter of JoAnn Galant of Rocklin, Calif. and Peter Lee of Granite Bay, Calif., to Dan Matthies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Matthies of Princeton.

The bride-to-be graduated from Oak Ridge High School in California and the University of California at Berkeley with a major in contemporary English literature. She later completed her master's degree in elementary education at National University. She currently teaches at the SKOLA International Community School in London.

The groom-to-be graduated from Princeton High School and then from Trenton State College as a finance major. He received his CFA designation and is currently employed by Bloomberg London developing a hedge fund product. He is also enrolled in the Executive MBA program of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

A July 2007 wedding in California is planned.

Holly Matthies and Sage Andress

Matthies-Andress. Holly Matthies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Matthies of Princeton, to Sage Andress, son of Karen and Noel Andress of Pine Island, Fla.

Ms. Matthies attended Princeton High School and then received degrees in early childhood education and elementary education from Florida Southern College. She later received her master's degree in speech-language pathology from the University of South Florida. She currently works for Beth Ingram and Associates, a private practice in Tampa.

Mr. Andress attended Mariner High School and received his B.S. degree in technical writing from the University of South Florida. He is a real estate agent specializing in investments and land acquisition in Florida.

The couple will be married on October 7 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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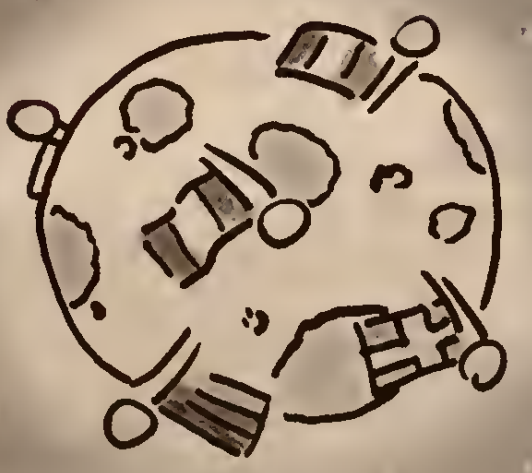
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PEOPLE

Evelyn B. Kissam

This Saturday, January 28, Princeton resident **Evelyn B. Kissam** will celebrate her 100th birthday. According to her daughters, **Laila Faris Alamuddin**, with whom she lives, and **Lamis B. Faris**, who owns Princeton Consignment Boutique, she met her first husband, Nabih Amin Faris, while working at the Princeton University Library. They moved to Beirut, Lebanon when he accepted a position at the American University. During the 30 years they lived in Beirut, she became the first woman driver in Lebanon, helped found the American Women's Club to help other American women make the transition to a new country, and started her own business. Returning to Princeton after the death of her husband and the beginning of the Lebanese civil war, she remarried a Princeton professor, Philip Kissam. According to her daughters, she "still maintains her dignity and charisma and does not miss a trick." Besides surviving two husbands and raising two daughters, she has two grandsons and two great grandchildren. They will all be in Princeton this weekend to celebrate her birthday.

James Schure, a 6th grader at John Witherspoon Middle School, was rewarded for months of extracurricular work during the Keystone State Boychoir's 5th Anniversary Holiday Concert last month. James has been involved with music programs since he was two, including Westminster Conservatory, Nassau Presbyterian Church, and the American Boychoir School. He is looking forward to singing with the Keystone State Boychoir when they perform at the Kimmel Center, City Hall, a Philadelphia Sixer's basketball game, and concerts around the world.

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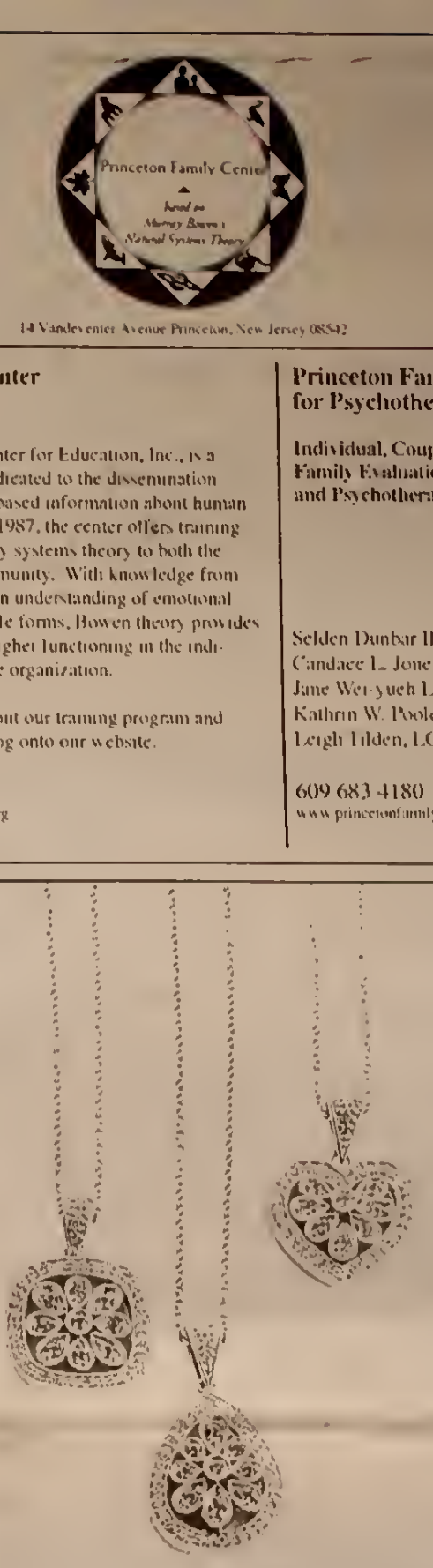

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On the morning of January 7th a crew responded to the intersection of Stockton Street and Elm Road for a motor vehicle accident that resulted in fluids leaking into the roadway. Absorbent was applied to the affected area. Later the same day crews responded to a similar call near the intersection of Leigh Avenue and Bayard Lane.

In the late evening of the 9th crews responded for a mutual aid call to Trenton for a large fire at a furniture warehouse. Squirt 63 and Engine 62 were requested and assisted with various aspects of operations in Trenton for more than three hours.

On the 10th the department was called to respond to a kitchen fire on John Street. First arriving personnel discovered a tea kettle on fire causing a smoke condition inside the residence. The fire was quickly extinguished and the structure ventilated.

Later the same day crews were called to a Birch Avenue residence for a report of an electrical fire. The incident was identified as a smoldering cable television wire.

On the 11th a passerby notified police of seeing smoke showing from the roof of a home on Van Marter Court. All three companies responded only to find the "smoke" to be steam from a dryer vent.

A burned out electrical motor caused a minor smoke condition at a Herrontown Road business on the 17th. Crews identified the source of the smoke and de-energized the motor.

A passerby called in a report of smoke showing from a Greenholm Street residence. Police were quickly on scene to identify the source of smoke to be open burning of debris in a back yard.

The Princeton Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the country. It was founded in 1788 and is made up of three fire companies: Princeton Hook & Ladder, Mercer Engine Company #3, and Princeton Engine Company #1. The department has approximately 50 active members who respond to emergency calls each year. The department is always looking for more members to join the department, if interested, call (609) 497-7645 or (609) 731-1314.

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By Bill Moran, *Whole Earth Customer Service*

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Serves 6

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- 1 clove organic garlic, minced
- 2 organic shallots, chopped
- 1 lb organic sugar snap peas
- 2 tblsp fresh organic lemon zest
- ¾ tsp salt, or to taste
- 1/8 tsp black pepper, or to taste
- ¼ cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 2 tblsp fresh organic lemon juice

Heat butter or oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and shallots and sauté until soft, about 2 or 3 minutes. Stir in peas, lemon zest, salt, and pepper and sauté until peas are tender and bright green, about 3 minutes. Add almonds and lemon juice. Cook until heated through. Adjust seasonings, if necessary, and serve.

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MAILBOX

Citizens for a Safer 206 Provide Further Details on Lookwood Plan

To the editor:

On January 12, consultants offered a capacity crowd in Princeton Township Hall a first look at their suggestions for the northern leg of Route 206 in Princeton. After Ian Lockwood made his presentation, he asked the audience to raise their hands if they thought his group was "on the right track;" and nearly every hand in the room went up. He noted that during the two weeks the consultants had been in Princeton, he and his colleagues had been overwhelmed with public interest in their project—he said that they had never seen so much citizen involvement in one of their design projects.

The idea of the plan is to provide a vision for future changes on Route 206 over the next decades. Changes to the roadway won't be made quickly because the State DOT doesn't have the money to make much happen immediately. But if, as changes are made, they are made according to a unified vision, then the town will benefit greatly.

Unfortunately, some invited groups and some residents will have been unable to be involved in these consultations because of scheduling conflicts. There will certainly be time for their concerns and those of others in the community to be aired as Princeton begins to consider how these "starter ideas" may be turned into more concrete proposals.

The Lockwood presentation is available, for those who missed it or those who want to review it, in two forms: first, as a PowerPoint presentation accessible on the Citizens for a Safer Route 206 website — www.stateroad206.com — and second, in copies of the program broadcast on Channel 30. The consultants' final report will be available in the spring. Local authorities will continue to receive comments on the concept plan on an ongoing basis. Send written comments to Claudia Ceballos in the Township Engineer's office (cceballos@princeton-township.nj.us) and/or to Citizens for a Safer Route 206 at rte206@yahoo.com.

Lockwood's approach to road design defies once conventional wisdom. For example, the draft plan includes a number of roundabouts. Lockwood stressed that roundabouts are not the same as traffic circles, which are being eliminated across the state, and that they have a better safety record than either circles or signalized intersections. He noted that roundabouts are effective at keeping traffic moving slowly but smoothly (the current design involves rushing to form long lines at signals), maintaining a two-lane road through Princeton (signals require widening to add extra left turn lanes), reducing the amount of asphalt in the average intersection while permitting landscaping in the middle, making it easier for pedestrians and bicyclists to get across the road, and acting as a 24/7 sentry to slow through trucks.

Other design approaches in the plan involve creating midblock, landscaped pedestrian islands which shift a driver's focus from the highway to the crossing, provide a safe haven for pedestrians to cross one lane at a time, and create separate left turn lanes where a center lane has in the past served cars going in both directions. Also included were back-in angle parking, extensive tree plantings that change the feel of the road, and a variety of other strategies to make through drivers realize they are going through a residential area. Lockwood has noted that his plans have increased property values in the towns that have adopted them.

While we are sure that continuing local consultations will result in refinements and adjustments to these ideas for Bayard Lane and State Road, we are extremely pleased by the overall arc of the plan, down to the "gateway" treatments proposed for cars entering the Township and the Borough from the North. Princeton residents can now continue to build consensus about how to improve our community with the same positive spirit that informed these initial design proposals.

SANDY SOLOMON,
Bayard Lane
MIRCEA SAVU
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State Road
For Citizens for a Safer Route 206

Headline on Proposed Roundabout Made Too Much of EMS Concerns

To the Editor:

I was disappointed that the headline for the Route 206 traffic calming proposal (Town Topics, January 18) emphasized the negative vocalizations from the EMS. My husband and I attended all three of the Route 206 planning meetings plus a private appointment with Ian Lockwood, one of the planning consultants. At no time did anyone present an opinion that improvements to Route 206 would impede emergency responses until an EMS representative spoke up during the last few minutes of the final meeting. In fact, uniformed police officers attended all of the public meetings and none of them raised concerns about the proposed roundabouts.

It was evident in the meetings we attended that access to emergency vehicles was discussed several times and accommodated in the Route 206 improvement proposal. One of the points made by the consultants is that installation of roundabouts not only improves traffic flow but historically reduces the number of accidents.

I would have preferred a headline that reflected the weeks of input by the community rather than focusing on the opinions of two people representing a group which apparently declined to participate until the last minute.

DANIA YASKANIN
Hartley Avenue
Princeton Township

Doctor Urges Regional Planning Board To Act Quickly on Hospital Relocation

To the Editor:

Across the country, hospitals have been closing as margins fall and red ink cannot be sustained. It takes a well-planned and executed tight rope act to keep a hospital in business. Some pundits estimate that 30 percent of the country's hospitals will close due to multiple economic influences.

If the Princeton Regional Planning Board fails to understand these facts, we will not have a hospital at all; it will be a boarded up eyesore for the neighbors to behold, and 250,000 people will be forced to seek medical care far to the north or south, especially emergency care when it counts most.

This is really a win-win situation; perhaps the Princeton Regional Planning Board does not know that. Long needed affordable housing comes to Witherspoon Street, and the community gets a modern, world-class, 21st century hospital. We have had enough meetings and talks. Now is the time for action before delay makes it all financially moot.

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BOOKS

Holocaust Survivor Publishes Memoir

Vera Goodkin of Lawrenceville, a Holocaust survivor and long-time educator, has just published a memoir, *In Sunshine and in Shadow, We Remember Them.*

Ms. Goodkin and her parents escaped to Budapest, Hungary, after they were betrayed in their hiding place in Czechoslovakia in 1944. Their escape to Budapest led them through muddy fields late on a cold, rainy night. They ultimately survived only with the help of the famous rescuer, Raoul Wallenberg.

The book chronicles not only her parents' lives and their experiences, but five generations of Ms. Goodkin's mother's family, starting with her great grandparents.

"I began with the generation that was unscathed," she said.

A long-time professor of English and French at Mercer County Community College, Ms. Goodkin and her family came to the United States when she was 16. "The second tragedy that befell our family was communism," she said. "The ones who were spared from murder because they were Jews now were singled out for persecution because they had been capitalists."

Now in her 70s, Goodkin said it was time for her to write her memoirs so they would not be lost. "I wanted to celebrate and commemorate the lives of those who perished in the Holocaust," Ms. Goodkin said of her book. "I also wanted to celebrate the rescuers, especially my family's rescuer."

Much of the family history came from her mother, who lived to be 92. "My mother is the reason for this book," Ms. Goodkin said. "We were very close and we talked a lot."

Having worked for many years with the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, Ms. Goodkin has a special interest in working with students of all ages. "I want my book to communicate with those who are the future of humanity—the young people to whom I have been speaking since 1983," she said.

While *In Sunshine ond in Shodow, We Remember Them* will be useful for the educational market and will be accompanied by a teacher's handbook, it was also designed for the general public. Published by Comteq, the book may be ordered at the publisher's website, www.comteqcom.com.

WRAPPING BOOKS FOR A GOOD CAUSE: At Barnes & Noble in Princeton wrapping books to raise funds for First Book, a national non-profit literacy program are (from left) Ely Mateo, assistant vice president Resource Investment, United Way of Greater Mercer County; Nancy Thomson, executive director of the Child Care Connection and member of First Book - Mercer County Advisory Board; and Patricia Fordyce, manager, Resource Investment, United Way of Greater Mercer County and Coordinator for First Book - Mercer County Advisory Board. First Book's primary goals are to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and to work with existing literary programs to distribute new books to children who have little or no access to books. For more information on First Book, call Pat Fordyce at (609) 637-4914.

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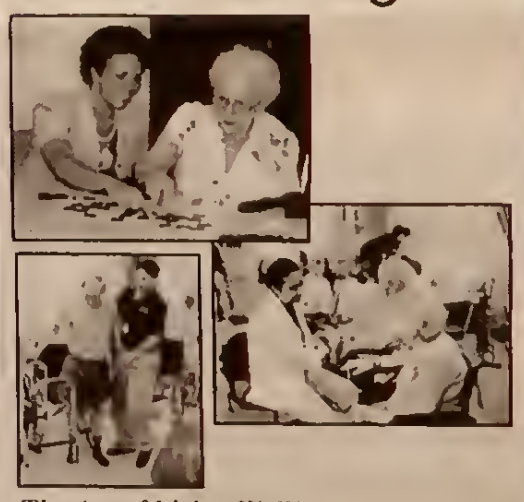
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MONKEY WITH CRYSTAL RHINESTONES (1989): Inspired by the the treasures of Tutankhamen, this handbag is part of the exhibition, "Fashioning Art: Handbags by Judith Leiber," opening at the Michener Art Museum in New Hope on January 27. The exhibition runs through April 30.

New Hope Michener Exhibiting Leiber Handbags

An exhibition featuring 160 of Judith Leiber's award-winning handbags opens Friday, January 27, and continues through April 30 in the Della Penna Gallery of the James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope. Organized and circulated by the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., "Fashioning Art: Handbags by Judith Leiber," is a comprehensive survey of Ms. Leiber's career from her first beaded bag in 1967.

The exhibition showcases Ms. Leiber's influence on nearly four decades of fashion. She has designed custom-made handbags for numerous high-profile women. Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush, Hillary Rodham Clinton and most recently, Laura Bush, have carried a Leiber handbag to Presidential inaugurations.

Ms. Leiber's work fuses art and high-fashion. Inspired by Fabergé egg designs, animal forms, city skylines, vintage textiles and cubist art, among other sources, her handbags have become status objects for celebrities, socialites, and collectors.

"Judith Leiber's handbags are created with such exquisite workmanship and design that they transcend mere accessory. They become objets d'art," said Stacey Schmidt, assistant curator of contemporary art at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. "Judith has always understood that a fashion accessory can express many things simultaneously – sophistication, cultural wit, reverence, style and humor. Almost single-handedly, she has advanced the artistic possibilities of the handbag."

Ms. Leiber's contribution to the world of fashion has been recognized by numerous awards. She has received the Swarovski Great Designer Award for artistic use of the company's crystals. In 1994, Stanley Marcus, of Neiman Marcus, presented Leiber with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council of Fashion Designers. Her bags are included in the permanent collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., the Dallas Museum of Art and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, among others. This exhibition is sponsored by U.S. Trust, Intrigue Fine Apparel for Women, First Federal of Bucks County, and Melissa Wechsler.

Born in Budapest, Hungary in 1921 as Judith Pieto, Ms Leiber came to the United States as a GI bride. After working as a pattern maker and then foreman for several handbag companies, she launched her own company in 1963.

In her first factory, Ms. Leiber worked alongside four employees. A fortuitous accident determined what would become key aspects of her signature style. When a shipment of gold-plated brass shells arrived from the supplier with flaws on the bottom, she decided to cover them up with crystals. Almost overnight she had created her own niche with these glittering hard-shell cases. She designed her first minaudière, or gilded metal handbag, in 1967. The design is still in production today.

Representations of the natural world — ranging from animal-shaped bags to minaudieres in the shape of fruit, vegetables, and flowers — have became a Leiber trademark. Favorite motifs also include her adopted hometown of New York. Asian imagery and vintage textiles and her passion for the fine arts have also made themselves apparent in her designs. One of the few remaining luxury products still made by hand, each Judith Leiber handbag takes up to two weeks to create. Although, Ms. Leiber retired from designing handbags in 1998, the company she founded, Judith Leiber Inc., continues.

The Della Penna Gallery of the James A. Michener Art Museum is located at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Galleries are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays between January 2 and March 31. Admission: members and children under six free; general admission $5, children aged 6 to 18 $2, senior citizens aged 60 and older $4. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, January 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Occasions, located on the lower level in Union Square, New Hope. Admission is $10 (free with Museum membership card). Gallery Talks by Erika Jaeger Smith, the Michener Museum's Associate Curator of Exhibitions, will take place on Thursday, February 2 and Thursday, April 6, from 2 to 3 p.m. (members: $5; non-members: $10). Registration is required and admission is limited to 20. A beading workshop for children (minimum age 7) and adults will take place on Saturday, February 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. (members: $20, non-members: $25). Instructor: Susan Rosetty-Wagner. Registration is required. For more information, call 215-862-7633 or www.michenerartmuseum.org.

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Director of Exhibitions Returns to Hunterdon

The Hunterdon Museum of Art has announced the return of former Director of Exhibitions, Kristen Accola. After a four year hiatus, Ms. Accola is excited to resume her position. "From my perspective," she says, "the New Jersey art world is an unusually close and supportive community that produces wonderfully inventive and challenging art and art people. I am extremely happy to be a part of it again."

Ms. Accola was the museum's Director of Exhibitions for seven years. In 2001, she left to join Gary Snyder Fine Arts as the Curator for Special Projects in New York City.

Kristen Accola

"We are very fortunate to have Kristen back," said Executive Director Marjorie Nathanson. "Even during her absence she remained part of the Museum family. Her knowledge of the art world, her enthusiasm and her love of this museum are a great combination for us."

In the past, Accola designed and oversaw many successful exhibitions at the museum, including "Runway: Photographs by Larry Fink," a major exhibition of 85 photographs documenting the behind-the-scenes world of fashion and haute couture and "sci+ART+tech," a show exploring the experimental connection between advancing technology and artists. Her plan is to keep delivering relevant exhibitions concerned with social issues such as these, while advancing the museum's mission and visibility.

Prior to her first term as Director of Exhibitions at the Hunterdon Museum of Art, Ms. Accola was the Director of the Soho Center for Visual Artists Library and Managing Director of Lefebre Gallery in New York City. She has also published extensively on selected exhibitions and served as a juror for prestigious awards given by organizations such as the Joan Mitchell Foundation.

Museum gallery and shop hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is located at 7 Lower Center Street in Clinton, NJ. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

Robeson Gallery in Newark Hosts Work of Hung Liu

The Paul Robeson Gallery at Rutgers University, Newark, is presenting "Full Circle: Revolution in the Paintings of Hung Liu" from now through February 23. An artist lecture will be held on February 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 followed by a reception from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

As a high school senior, Hung Liu was forcibly "re-educated" as part of the "Cultural Revolution" and sent to pick rice in the countryside for four years. When she was allowed to return to Beijing, she earned a BFA degree in 1975 from the Central Academy of Fine Art. In 1984 she was permitted to emigrate and in 1986 she earned a MFA degree at UCLA San Diego. Since 1986 she has been on the faculty of Mills College, California, and presently Chairs the Department of Painting.

In Hung Liu's installations, paintings, and prints, the images are overlaid with washes and drips. Traditional Chinese symbols of birds, butterflies, fish, dragonflies etc. are drawn and mixed with the applied and printed images.

"Rumble Room," an audio-meditational installation, after James Turrell and The Rothko Chapel, will also be at the Paul Robeson gallery through February 23.

The gallery is located on the first floor of the Paul Robeson Campus Center, 350 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Newark. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

FROM THE SOUTHWEST: Alina Bliach's photograph is part of her "Southwest Series," which is on display in the second floor Reference Gallery at the Princeton Public Library. Ms. Bliach will join Judith Brodsky, director of the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper for a talk in the Community Room of the Library on January 31 at 7 p.m. The talk begins the 2006 Exhibitions in Collaboration series.

Arts Council, Library Host Talk by Brodsky, Bliach

The Arts Council of Princeton begins it's 2006 Exhibitions in Collaboration series with the Princeton Public Library with a talk by photographer Alina Bliach and Director of the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper Judith Brodsky. The talk will be in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library on January 31 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

The talk is presented in conjunction with the Arts Council's exhibition series in the second floor Reference Gallery at the Library. Alina Bliach will speak about her black and white photo exhibition, "Southwest Series." Her photographs showcase American Southwest locations such as Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Canyonlands, Kodachrome Basin, The Grand Canyon, and the Valley of Fire.

Judith Brodsky will speak about the "Selected Works" on display from the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper. For more information about the event, call (609) 924-8777 or log on to www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

EXAMS COMING UP? See the TOWN TOPICS religion directory to see where to pray.

ANTIQUE TREASURES: Virginia Nicholson will be one of the many dealers participating in the 19th annual Lawrenceville/Princeton Antique Show to benefit Womanspace. The show will take place on February 4 and 5 at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville.

Annual Antiques Show Benefits Womanspace

The Lawrenceville/Princeton Antiques Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and S at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville. Now in it's 19th year, the antiques show is a benefit for Womanspace, Inc., a nonprofit Mercer County organization that assists women and children in crisis.

Antique Dealers will be offering both formal and country furniture, paintings, textiles, porcelain, silver, jewelry, and decorative accessories. Many of the dealers participating are returning from previous years, including: Heritage Antique Maps of Doylestown, Risimini/ MCloskey of Salem, Day's Antiques of Bath, Maine, Roger Tunis Fine Art from Berwyn, Brian Gage Antiques of Hopewell, and Peter Nee of Interior Expressions of Millwood, Virginia.

Show hours are 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on both days and admission is $7 with children under 16 admitted free. Refreshments will be available and parking is free. The National Guard Armory is located about five miles from Princeton, on Eggert Crossing Road, off Route 206 in Lawrenceville.

Mancuso Show Management from New Hope has worked with Womanspace, Inc. to present this show from its inception. For information on other Mancuso events visit www.MancusoShows.com. For Information on Womanspace visit www.womanspace.org.

New Embellishments Adorn Princeton Shopping Center

Victoria Bell, a local artist, has contributed S0 pieces of graphic art to a new Shopping Center project undertaken by General Manager Chris Hanington, who was looking for appropriate artwork to display throughout the Center's common areas.

Ms. Bell illustrated domestic items that can be found at SS of the businesses within the Shopping Center. Each illustration was reproduced on a 2 foot x 2 foot canvas to be displayed from the existing awning structure along the Harrison Street side. A comprehensive plan to embellish the Shopping Center was devised by a team of merchants looking forward to the planned façade renovation, as well as the upcoming celebration of the Center's 50th anniversary.

The S0 black and white illustration panels depict everything from upholstered chairs to coffee cups. Every fifth panel will be a colored rose in recognition of the gardens in the courtyard.

A 19-year-resident of Princeton Township, Ms. Bell suggested that a donation be made to Littlebrook School in lieu of a payment for the custom banners. She is currently writing and illustrating a children's book called *Dream Painters: A Story of Hope*. For more information visit www.victoriabell.com. For more information about Princeton Shopping Center, call (609) 921-6234 or visit www.princetonshoppingcenter.com.

ILLUSTRATING THE SHOPPING CENTER: Victoria Bell's depiction of an upholstered chair is one of the 50 pieces of graphic art she created to embellish the Princeton Shopping Center.

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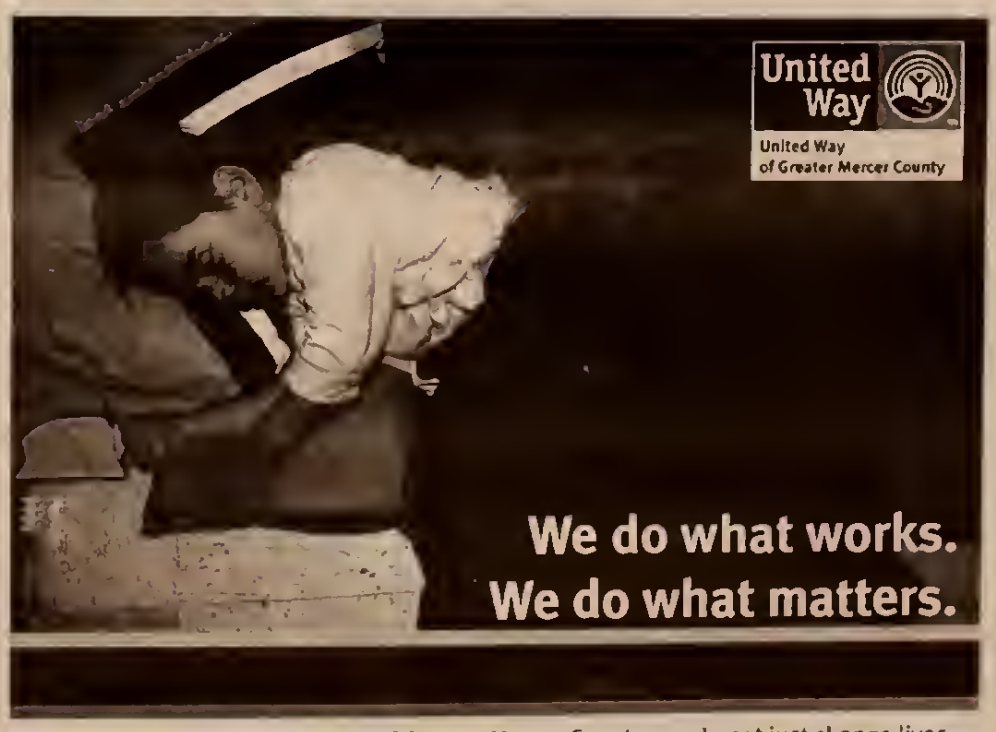

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The A.R.T.space Gallery at 53 Hulfish Street is presenting "Girls On Fire," an exhibition featuring the paintings of Arbena Stevquoah and Lee Cramer-Papierowicz through mid-February.

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located at the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting its second exhibition, "Telling Our Stories," which features the creations of storyteller/artist Rebecca Kelly, sculptor Yvonne Love, and book artist Miriam Schaer. "From Chaos to Hope," an exhibition of photographs taken by eight local residents with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) at a volunteer camp in Gulfport, Miss., is on display in the Reading Room. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-8777.

Bristol -Myers Squibb is presenting "Marsh Meditations," an exhibit celebrating the Hamilton-Trenton Marsh and the Princeton Artists Alliance.

The Cotsen Children's Library at Princeton University is celebrating the bicentenary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth with the exhibition, "Wonderful Stories for Pictures: Hans Christian Andersen and His Illustrators," on view through March 26. For more information, call (609) 258-1148, or email ejohnson@princeton.edu.

The Erdman Art Gallery at the Princeton Theological Seminary is presenting "Urban Abstractions," an exhibit by Zenna Broomer that will run through February 10. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Gallery 14 in Hopewell is presenting an exhibit of photographs by Jim Hilgendorf and David Miller through February 5.

Gallery 125 at 125 South Warren Street across from the Trenton Marriott Hotel is presenting "My America," a juried exhibition of more than 50 artists whose works reflect on the theme of what America means to them. The exhibit, which runs through February 3, was a prelude to Patriot's Week, the annual festival of history, art, and culture celebrating Trenton's role in the American Revolution. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grounds for Sculpture is currently displaying three exhibits: "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Deities," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the international Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. The exhibits will be on view through April 30, 2006. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Hopewell Frame Shop Gallery at 24 Broad Street in Hopewell is presenting Points of View," an exhibit of works by watercolorist and local art teacher Gail Bracegirdle that will run from now through February.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is celebrating "Art Rugs: The 'Art' of Playing Cards," through March 5. The museum's annual Members Exhibition will also be on view through March 5. Located in Clinton, the gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The Marguerite & James Hutchins Gallery & the Rotunda Gallery at Lawrenceville School's Gruss Center of Visual Arts is presenting an exhibit of 56 works by leading documentary photographers in "Beggars and Choosers: Motherhood is Not a Class Privilege in America," which will run through January 31.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is featuring "Romare Bearden: Enchanter in Time" through February 5. "Radical Vision: The Revolution in American Photography" will be on view through May 28. "New Orleans: A Beloved City," an exhibition of photographs taken in the mid-1980s by Michael A. Smith, is on view in the Betz Gallery through February 19. As part of its ongoing Outdoor Sculpture Program, the Michener is also exhibiting "In the Beginning," an installation of sculpture by Kevin Forest that will be on view through February 26. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

An exhibition featuring 160 of Judith Leiber's award-winning handbags opens Friday, January 27, and continues through April 30 in the Della Penna Gallery of the **James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope**. For more information, call 215-862-7633, or, for both museums, visit www.michenerartmuseum.org.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum's feature exhibition, "Breaking the Mold: Sculpture in Paris from Daumier to Rodin," will be on view through March 12 in the Vorhees Special Exhibition Galleries. The museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street, on the College Avenue Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and noon to 5 p.m. on the weekends. The museum is open free to the public on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

The Jewish Center Gallery on Nassau Street is presenting "Serendipitous Moments in Time," an exhibition of images by Griggstown resident and artist David Perl that will run through March 12. A reception with the artist will be held on Sunday, January 29, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Mason Gross Galleries at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts, Civic Square, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick is presenting a major exhibition of

"SAGG PORTAL": This stainless steel work by Hans van de Bovenkamp is currently on view in the exhibition, "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths and Deities," continuing through April 30 at Grounds for Sculpture, 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Mr. Van de Bovenkamp is known for large scale works in bronze and stainless steel, many of which are reminiscent of prehistoric architectural structures. A Gallery Walk and Book Signing by Mr. Van de Bovenkamp will take place on Saturday, February 4, in the Grounds for Sculpture Museum Building; wine and cheese reception at 3 p.m., gallery walk at 3:30 p.m., followed by signing. For reservations, call (609) 586-0616 ext. 20, by January 27. For more information, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

American feminist art, "How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism, 1970-1975." The show will run through Friday, January 27. The galleries are open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is presenting "Corpus Callosum," an exhibition of works by Austin Dodson and Courtenay Q. Long. The show will be on view from now through February 17, with a reception on Wednesday, January 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be a gallery talk on Wednesday, February 8, at 7 p.m.

Montgomery Center for the Arts is exhibiting work by local photographers Ricardo Barros, Clem Fiore, Dwight Hiscano, and Bryony Romer, and an installation created especially for this exhibit by artists Ginger Andro and Chuck Glicksman, through February 5.

The Paul Robeson Gallery at Rutgers University, Newark, is presenting two new exhibitions: "Full Circle: Revolution in the Paintings of Hung Liu" and "Rumble Room," an audio-meditational installation, after James Turrell and The Rothko Chapel. Both shows will run from now through February 23. For hours and further information, call the gallery at (973) 353-1610.

The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting an intimate, single-monitor installation by the Belgian filmmaker Chantal Akerman through February 26. "Between Image and Concept: Recent Acquisitions in African-American Art" will be on view through February 26.

Princeton University, Mudd Library, is currently exhibiting, "1945: A World United and Divided," which highlights the epochal year that marked the end of World War II. The exhibit, which runs through January 31, includes documents, letters, diaries, and photographs drawn from Mudd Library's and Princeton University's archives. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The exhibit is also open Wednesdays until 8 p.m.

The Rider University Art Gallery will be presenting "James Kearns Continuities, Fifty + Years," from Thursday, January 26 through Thursday, February 23 at the Rider University Art Gallery. An opening reception will take place on January 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. Mr. Kearns will give a gallery talk about his work on Thursday, February 2, at 7 p.m.

The Suzanne Patterson Resource Center and the Williams Gallery of Fine Art are holding a joint exhibition at the Resource Center celebrating Princeton art and artists titled, "In and Around Princeton." A portion of the proceeds from the sale of artwork will be donated to the Center, which is located at 45 Stockton Street, behind Borough Hall. Hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-1142.

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MUSIC REVIEW

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra Celebrates Mozart's 250th Birthday With Selections From Three Operas

Wolfie Mozart turns 250 this week, and there is much celebration in the musical world around this event. As its musical Festschrift, Princeton Symphony Orchestra presented a potpourri of operatic excerpts from three of Mozart's most well-known operas: *Don Giovanni*, *Cosi Fan Tutte*, and *The Marriage of Figaro*. Music Director Mark Laycock assembled an ensemble of solid vocal soloists to perform arias and ensembles against the orchestra's crisp accompaniment.

Mr. Laycock placed a heavy focus on *Don Giovonni* and *Figaro*, with a short finale from *Cosi*. Within any group of six soloists, there will be one or more stand-out singers, and within the series of arias from *Giovanni*, it was clear that certain singers would capture the audience right from the start. Mezzo-soprano Anna Niedbala was uniquely cast as Zerlina, a role often performed by a sparkly soprano. Ms. Niedbala was mysterious in look and dark in vocal color, creating an exotic attraction between her and Todd Thomas's Giovanni. Ms. Neldbala brought her rich mezzo character into the soprano register of "Batti, batti," a high point of the first half.

The more sparkling voice of the evening belonged to soprano Carol Chickering, who presented the Donna Elvira character with personality, clean singing, and a don't mess with me attitude. Soprano Wonjung Kim rounded out the quintet, with fiery performances which were very popular with the audience.

As Leporello, Charles Robert Stephens communicated well with the audience, and in his signature arias, balanced well with the orchestra. Bass Tod Thomas was full of long lines and commanding character, with the decisive patter of all three of these operas well declaimed. There were no translations provided for this concert, but it might have been distracting had there been, as it was almost preferable to sit back and enjoy the music without constantly looking at words.

Throughout these excerpts, the orchestra stayed solidly behind the singers yet in the background. Oboist James Button and flutist Jayn Rosenfeld added charm to "Batti, batti," and mandolin player Patrick Mercuri was amazingly audible and clear in the hall in *Don Giovanni*'s aria "Deh vieni alla finestra."

The balance of the concert included the same number of excerpts from the *Marriage of Figaro*, as well as the finale of act IV of *Cosi Fan Tutte*. The concert would have stood well without the *Cosi* finale, as this segment was a little too much of the same kind of ensemble singing without arias as a frame of reference. However, the voices worked well together as an ensemble, especially the pairings of Mr. Stephens and tenor John Zuckerman, and Ms. Chickering and Ms. Niedbala.

The *Morriage of Figaro* has much the same range of characters as *Giovanni*, with Ms. Chickering providing a saucy and humorous Susanna. Ms. Niedbala shone again in Cherubino's two arias, and Ms. Kim sang the Contessa's "Dove sono" with sensitivity and ease. Mr. Thomas can clearly sing Figaro's Non *piu andrai* in his sleep, and was well connected with the audience. One of the high points of this set was the rendition of "Sull' aria" by Ms. Chickering and Ms. Kim, with the unusual voicing of Ms. Kim on the lower part.

Other than the obvious mission of observing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in a significant birth year, the concert was also a refreshing way to spend a winter afternoon. Mozart would have liked these singers; with their good command of his style, and light, clean voices, they would have fit in well in the late 18th century Viennese musical scene.

—Nancy Plum

Practitioners of Musick Plan Blawenburg Concert

The Van Harlingen Historical Society of Montgomery Township will host the Practitioners of Musick on Sunday, February 26, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Blawenburg Reformed Church in Blawenburg. The concert, in recognition of George Washington's birthday, will be titled "Harmonious Art — Musick in 18th Century America," and benefit programs sponsored by the historical society.

The Practitioners of Musick will perform music for harpsichord and English flute, played respectively by Eugene Roan and John Burkhalter. The program will feature pieces known to have been heard at Mt. Vernon, including some played by Washington family members. Mr. Burkhalter will also present background history to specific works.

Mr. Roan is a former chair of the piano, organ, and harpsichord department at Westminster Choir College. He has lectured and performed extensively in the United States and has taught at the Royal School of Church Music. Mr. Burkhalter studied the performance of early music at The New England Conservatory of Music. He has composed and prepared music for documentary film for PBS and various museums throughout the country, and has lectured extensively.

The Practitioners of Musick have presented programs at Colonial Williamsburg, The Ford Mansion in Morristown, Historic Rockingham, Historic Deerfield, and Princeton University Art Museum, to name a few.

Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door. Seating is limited to 100. To reserve seats in advance, make checks payable to Van Harlingen Historical Society and mail to VHHS, 186 Fairview Road, Skillman 08558 to be received by February 23. For more information, call (908) 874-4820.

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Judy Kaye

PSO Pops Presenting The Broadway Concert

Fresh from her critically acclaimed performance as Florence Foster Jenkins in Broadway's *Souvenir*, Tony Award winner Judy Kaye will join the Princeton Symphony Orchestra for its second smash season of Broadway pops, joined by Jeff Keller of *Phantom of the Opero*, with PSO Music Director Mark Laycock conducting, on Saturday, February 4 at 8:00 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

Entitled *He Soid, She Said*, the evening's program is a good-natured battle of the sexes with hit songs from legendary Broadway shows *West Side Story, Wonderful Town, Condide, The Most Hoppy Fello, Guys ond Dolls, My Foir Lody, Sweeny Todd, A Little Night Music, Follies, South Pocific, Bobes in Arms, Do I Heor o Woltz*, and *Anything Goes*, by Broadway's greatest composers and lyricists, including Cole Porter, Leonard Bernstein, Frank Loesser, Lerner & Lowe, Stephen Sondheim, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, Lorenz Hart, Jule Styne, Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan, and Jerry Herman.

Before her Broadway run in *Souvenir* (Howard Kissell of the Daily News called her "Incredibly moving and breathtaking – an amazing achievement"), she starred as Rosie in the Broadway mega-hit *Momma Mio!*, for which she was honored with Tony and Drama Desk nominations. She was awarded the 1988 Tony Award for her portrayal of the prima donna Carlotta in *The Phontom of the Opero*. She received the Theatre World Award, the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award, and her first two Drama Desk nominations playing Lily Garland in *On the Twentieth Century* co-starring with Kevin Kline, John Cullum, and Imogene Coca. Ms. Kaye starred on Broadway as Emma Goldman in *Ragtime*, a role she also played in Los Angeles, where she received the Theatre LA Ovation Award. Her roles in theater and opera have ranged from Rizzo in *Greose* to Musetta in *Lo Boheme* for the Santa Fe Opera (where she also performed Eurydice in *Orpheus In The Underworld*, and Lucy Locket in *The Beggor's Opero*), Shirley Valentine, Sally in *Follies*, Maggie in the *The Mon Who Come To Dinner*, Penny in *You Con't Toke It With You*, Kitty Dean in *The Royol Fomily*, and such great heroines as Annie Oakley in *Annie Get Your Gun*, Maria von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*, and Nellie Forbush in *South Pocific*.

Ms. Kaye returned to one of her favorite roles, Mrs. Lovett in Stephen Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*, in a fully staged 25th anniversary concert with Len Cariou, at London's Royal Festival Hall.

Jeff Keller is one of the original stars of *Phontom of the Opero* and the first American to play the role of The Phantom on Broadway. This January, when *Phantom* overtook *Cots* as the longest running show ever on Broadway, Mr. Keller entered the record books as well with the longest principal contract role in theatre history. He began his career in Harold Prince's revival of *Condide*, played Perchik opposite Zero Mostel in the Broadway revival of *Fiddler On The Roof*, and was directed by Carl Reiner in Gary Marshall's comedy *The Roost*. He created the role of Johnny Cantone, the Sinatra-like crooner in *The 1940's Rodio Hour*, for which he received a Drama Desk nomination. He spent a year on Broadway in the award winning *Sundoy In The Pork With George* performing various roles, including George. He then played George in the West Coast premiere of the show and was honored with the San Francisco Theater Critic's Circle award. The Princeton Symphony Orchestra was the recent recipient of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts' Citation of Excellence, given "for exhibiting the highest standards of excellence in its artistry, operations, governance, and public benefit."

Tickets are available by calling the PSO at (609) 497-0020. Complete season information can be found on PSO's website, www.princetonsymphony.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the Richardson Auditorium box office at (609) 258-5000 and at www.princeton.edu/utickets. Tickets cost $60, 48, 33, and 15.

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Six Hours, 37 Years, and Four Nights: Waiting for Cream

The concert was scheduled for 8:30. We were sitting in the Brandeis gym waiting for Eric Clapton, Jack Bruce, and Ginger Baker, better known as Cream. Their flight had been held up because of a storm in Indiana. We got updates as the hours passed; we were told "They're in Detroit!" "They've landed at Cleveland!" "They're on their way!" This was in the days before arena rock when Cream's fame was still more underground than mainstream. Clapton might have been "god" in England, but his reputation was still brewing in the States. Our tickets had cost under $5, and we were sitting near the front.

Finally the word came—they had landed at Boston and a motorcade was escorting them to the gym. It was nearing 2:30 in the morning when they took the stage. According to various accounts, no more than 100 people had given up and left the building by the time they arrived.

It was a dramatic entrance. We gave them a standing ovation and they appreciated us the way you appreciate an audience that has cared enough to stick it out for almost six hours on backless benches. It was pretty clear that they intended to reward us for our patience. Exhausted, disoriented, and unlikely to be thrilled by the prospect of a 2:30 a.m. performance after dealing with hours of airplanes and storms and lightning, they were greeted like heroes and they played like heroes.

On second thought, make that warriors. In 1968 they were warriors. Thirty-seven years later at the Royal Albert Hall they were heroes.

In 1968 they went at it like duelling virtuosos. There was no smiling, no appearance of rapport. Each man was on his own mission. The dynamic was based more on conflict than cohesion. They did not inspire each other: they drove each other. With his wild orange-red hair, satanic beard, and electric-blue shirt, Ginger Baker swarmed over his drums, kicking and pounding and tom-tomming at the backs of the other two like some storm-making, earth-moving denizen of the underworld. At the same time, he was so mortal, so at the mercy of his demons, there were moments when you really thought he was going to keel over and die. Bruce and Clapton rarely looked at each other. The world of sound they were making took all their attention. That massive, mind-numbing sound was still ringing in my ears the next afternoon when I scribbled down some impressions: "Devastating. Complete. Unbelievable. Scary, almost unbearable. Sound as a tangible substance. Waking with pounding temples and hung over and no room in mind for anything else."

In 2005, among the many reasons why Cream's extraordinary 2-disc live Royal Albert Hall reunion DVD should be seen and heard, the most compelling is for the pleasure of watching these same three musicians genuinely, spontaneously enjoying one another. It's moving to see the smiles of sheer awe and admiration lighting up the faces of Bruce and Baker after Clapton's breathtaking solo on "Stormy Monday." Joy is the order of the day. Joy in the audience at being witness to an event many (including Ginger Baker, for one) thought would never happen. Joy in being alive, together again, and playing brilliantly.

In 1968 Cream seemed to be attacking life, breaking through the boundaries, taking the psychedelic adventure to the limit. In 2005 they were affirming life, celebrating it, relishing it and loving it in their music.

A Pedant in the Works

Objectivity? Never heard of it. Not that March night in 1968. If you were being objective at Brandeis when the first number, "Tales of Brave Ulysses," came thundering down on you, you might as well have gone home and kept your distance. In that not very large room, there was no such thing as distance. But wouldn't you know, an objective witness was there, a critic-in-the-making logging violations of musical decorum as the storm raged around him. His name was Jon Landau and he was covering the event for the Brandeis student newspaper and would later turn his blues-scholarly observations into a pedantic, stuffy, condescending scolding of Cream (and Eric Clapton in particular) for Rolling Stone. To maintain your objectivity at such an event would be downright unnatural. You might as well be objective about a hurricane or a sunset: "Too much red in the center! Did we really need all that haze? And that yellow-gold edging on the clouds—such a cliché!" When I read Landau's piece, I wrote a letter to Rolling Stone. He hadn't specified which concert, so I figured he must have seen Cream on an off-night. But no, he was really there, in a manner of speaking anyway. So was Alan Heineman, who covered the concert for Down Beat. While Landau was quibbling about "blues clichés" and lamenting that his "disappointment with the group was staring him in the face," Heineman proved that he'd witnessed what we'd witnessed: "A trio — right? Wrong. Seven orchestras. Cream's sound is just this side of physically tangible. It assaults, drowns, lifts, transports, and when it stops, one feels alone, insufficient somehow."

Probably the most notorious example of the impact of a single negative review in the annals of rock is Jon Landau's dismissal of Clapton and Cream on the strength of the Brandeis performance. It's said that when Clapton read that lecture on his art by his inferior, he fainted. However he reacted, his response to Landau's slam directly influenced the break-up of the band. In subsequent interviews Jack Bruce and Ginger Baker have agreed that, whether or not he fainted, "Eric took it too seriously."

Of course it's not fair to lay the blame for the break-up on Landau, who was actually one of the more intelligent rock critics of the day and went on to become Bruce Springsteen's producer. But it's tempting to see the glorious Albert Hall reunion as the Last Word 37 years after the fact.

A Work of Art

The more I see of the DVD, which is on Rhino and lists for $29.90 but can be had for ten dollars less on amazon, the more I admire it not merely as a record of those four nights of music (May 2, 3, 5, 6, 2005) but as a film in its own right. Even as it's giving you rare, intimate glimpses of the musicians as they make the music (19 numbers from all four evenings, three alternate takes, and interviews with each member of the band), it's also celebrating the interior of the Royal Albert Hall, which looks like nothing less than an angelic opera house in rock and roll heaven, complete with a dome of many-colored glass.

The film begins by taking you on a straight-ahead tracking-shot ride down a long backstage corridor toward the stage to let you know how it felt to be striding out there with the musicians as the clapping and cheering delirium of welcome begins. Talk about welcomes. Think of it: for the first time in 37 years a three-man rock and roll legend is stepping back into the spotlight. There is a light show in the background just for old time's sake, but the three men look admirably mortal. No flashy clothes, no orgies of glam or glitter showmanship (never their style anyway). Clapton unshaven, shirt untucked, Bruce haggard and wasted and undaunted, Baker gaunt as ever, balding and bespectacled, with his pant-legs rolled up. If you were looking at them impersonally, unmindful of the occasion, you'd think "Who are those old geezers and what are they doing up there in the limelight?"

According to the law of diminished expectations, if only by giving a moderately good impersonation of their 1968 selves, Cream could at least have lived up to the excitement and anticipation. Now that I've blackened the good name of objectivity, I can objectively say that based on the evidence contained in the DVD, Cream 2005 gave a performance for the ages. There was no way they were going to create the magnificent monster that thundered down on us in 1968. In the interviews, they admit toying with the idea of dragging out the Marshall stacks and going for the Big Sound, but it didn't feel right. If you want the old intensity, if you're wishing for "Tales of Brave Ulysses" and the brilliant sonic adventures Clapton could lead you on with his unparalleled use of the wah-wah pedal, you'll be disappointed. Even so, there are moments when they come near to making it happen again, if only briefly and with more breathing room than in the old days, most obviously the surging, pounding, all-out jam at the end of "Sunshine of Your Love" (including an alternate version, apparently the last number on the last night). In any case, the original underpinning of the Big Sound lives on in Ginger Baker, who is still doing more with his arsenal than most drummers could ever dream of.

Again, what stands out in Cream 2005 is the joy showing through as they listen to one another, admiring one another, and letting the world know it with those sudden smiles of appreciation and affection. You can see it when they're doing two numbers they'd never performed before in person: "Pressed Rat and Wart Hog" (with Ginger Baker's sepulchral narration, like a Cockney Tom Waits) and "Badge," which contains one of the great moments of the set when Clapton lets a pause develop between the two halves of the song, with the audience hanging in the balance, in a transport of expectation, so that when he finally cuts loose, the crowd lets its breath out and erupts. I only wish Clapton had played the wailing soaring coda that lifts the recorded version of "Pressed Rat and Wart Hog" from mad English whimsey (the dark side of *Wind in the Willows*) into electric-guitar nirvana.

Here's another sort of heroism. Here's Jack Bruce, 62, singing his heart out, on the mend after a liver transplant, Ginger Baker, 66, drumming like a man possessed, and Eric Clapton, who turned 60 last March and has aged with less wear and tear, but if you know what he's been through in the past three decades, you know he, too, is a survivor. Finally, here's the answer to all the pedants and purists who chastised these three for presuming to play the blues, the implication being that because they were young and white they couldn't have lived it: they were pretenders stealing the music of their betters. This was a fallacy, though a lesser one, even in 1968. Like Van Morrison and Led Zeppelin, Cream took the blues along for the ride to another level. Right now if there are any blues guitarists on the planet, or any sort of guitarist, who can touch Eric Clapton, let them stand up and be counted. When Jack Bruce sings "Born Under a Bad Sign," he can smile: you can see him loving it, easy with it, because he's earned it, he's lived the blues: it's in his face and in his voice. As for Ginger Baker, he's still the master of his realm, and anyway, he'll tell you it's more than the blues or rock and roll. "Jack and I are jazz musicians," he says in the interview. "Eric doesn't think he's a jazz player, but I do, and so does Jack."

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A rocker and leader of the Bad Examples, Mr. Covert has gained a following among both kids and parents by making what the New York Times calls "indie rock for music fans who still hold their parents' hands." Through concerts for enthusiastic fans and six recordings, he has established himself at the center of a one-man musical universe of family fare. His most recent album, *Green Gorilla, Monster and Me*, was described by the Los Angeles Times as "a stunner, fueled by the Chicago rocker's deft, often gorgeous harmonies [and] his smooth and rowdy rock 'n' roll chops."

Whatever crowd he's making music for, process is what counts most from Ralph's vantage point. "When I went into this I said, I'm not going to make a kids' record. I wanted to make a great record kids will love," he said. His mission has not been lost on legions of 2- to 8-year-olds.

For all his loopy lightheartedness, Ralph is not beyond fishing around for a philosophical explanation of how he makes the music that breaks the mold. "Me having fun, the kids having fun, parents having fun, none of it dumbed-down pablum — that's really my mojo," he says.

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AT CARNEGIE HALL: Last week the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra performed at Carnegie Hall under the direction of Fernando Raucci. They will be giving their 44th Annual Winter Concert at 8 p.m. this Saturday, January 28, at Richardson Auditorium. The program will include works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Erickson, Schubert, and Brahms.

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Rays of Hope and Humor Flicker Amidst Vast Pain and Sadness In O'Neill's Mournful, Romantic "Moon for the Misbegotten"

In the central image of Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, Josie Hogan sits on the top step of her father's front porch. James Tyrone is on the step below, pale, drunken, head on Josie's breast, encircled in the embrace of her arms and legs. Josie, a paradoxical mix of mother-figure, whore, and virgin, cradles the sleeping, death-like figure throughout the night. She prepares to face the cold light of dawn and the harsh truths of their "misbegotten" lives and doomed relationship.

During the course of their late-night-early-morning encounter both James, a dissipated actor haunted by guilt and sorrow over his mother's death, and Josie, daughter of Tyrone's Irish tenant farmer, have been able to peel off masks and long-harbored deceptions in order to share intimate truths and self-revelations. There is deep love between them. There is passion. There is even, for James, the chance for some sort of redemption and peace with himself, "as if all my sins had been forgiven." And for Josie there is hope that "maybe my love could still save you, if you could want it enough!" But it is already too late for any fulfillment in this sad play, which leaves its misbegotten protagonists to follow their inevitable deathward trajectories.

MISBEGOTTEN PAIR: Josie Hogan (Kathleen McNenny) and James Tyrone (Andrew McCarthy) spend an anguished night seeking redemption and love in Eugene O'Neill's final drama, "A Moon for the Misbegotten," playing at McCarter's Berlind Theatre through February 19.

Moon for the Misbegotten, O'Neill's final play, was written in 1943 as a sort of sequel to his more famous, autobiographical *Long Day's Journey Into Night* and is set eleven years later. Though *Moon* does feature the anguished character of James Tyrone Jr. from the earlier play (a representation of O'Neill's older brother who had died in 1923 from prolonged alcohol abuse), it is Josie, O'Neill's ideal woman, who dominates *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, even more than usual in this luminously staged McCarter production.

Eugene O'Neill may be, as many argue, America's greatest playwright, and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, may be, along with *Long Day's Journey* and *The Ice Man Cometh*, one of his crowning achievements, but it is not without its flaws and its difficulties for contemporary audiences.

Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten* will play at McCarter's Berlind Theatre, 91 University Place in Princeton, through February 19. For information, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

Set inside and on the front porch of a rundown Connecticut farm house in 1923, *A Moon for the Misbegotten* is a romantic tale without much romance. The first is the lightest of the four acts, as the last of Josie's three brothers (Peter Scanavino) leaves for the city, and Josie (Kathleen McNenny) and her father Phil Hogan (Jack Willis) settle into their bantering, feisty, mutually respectful relationship. Using the full energy and audacity of their Irish wit to advantage, they team up brilliantly to trounce an offensively intrusive, wealthy neighbor (deftly and definitive played by Jeremiah Wiggins), out-dueling him verbally and physically.

The tone darkens as evening approaches, and Hogan schemes to secure ownership of his farm by taking advantage of the affection between James and Josie. The only major event of the two hour and forty-five-minute play, however, is the meeting between Tyrone and Josie. Fortunately, despite some heavy-handedness and repetitiveness in dialogue—particularly in belaboring James' inhibiting Freudian psychoses, the eccentric, constantly shifting dance of James Tyrone and Josie Hogan is fascinating and thoroughly engaging.

Ms. McNenny plays this archetypal figure with power and spirit. She effectively blends the strength and vulnerability of this character, showing vividly Josie's subtle shifts of feeling. She reveals convincingly the protective layers of deception that Josie has created over the 28 years of her life. Josie is such a formidable, larger-than-life character, that the role of James inevitably suffers in comparison.

Mr. McCarthy, dressed to kill in the suave suit and vest of a Broadway dandy, pales (literally and figuratively) in comparison to his towering, outspoken, down-to-earth counterpart. Known to film audiences from roles in *Pretty in Pink*, St. *Elmo's Fire*, and *Weekend at Bernie's*, Mr. McCarthy portrays with authority the debonair man about town and the drunkard, as well as the thoughtful, conscience-stricken aristocrat and the would-be suitor struggling to find redemption in his love for Josie. Surely the part is written to give Josie dominance in this relationship, but the imbalance here between the inexorable Josie and the frail, diminutive James seems almost implausibly huge.

Mr. Willis's colorful, garrulous, and vigorous father—large, loud, and full of brass and blarney, provides a strong counterbalance to Ms. McNenny's headstrong, domineering Josie.

Eugene Lee's set presents not just the focal point of the front porch, but a skeletal depiction of the entire Hogan house, with a burlap sky in the background. The porch thrusts out into the first rows of the Berlind Theatre, allowing the audience intimate access to the evening's proceedings. Lights by Jane Cox richly evoke the nuanced shifts of time and mood as afternoon melds into the ominous mysteries and darkness of night, then finally the cathartic, cold radiance of morning.

Gary Griffin, who directed *My Fair Lady* at the Berlind in 2004 and *The Color Purple* recently on Broadway, has directed here with a sure and sensitive hand, emphasizing to excellent effect the father-daughter relationship and the rich humor of the play, albeit perhaps at the expense of the relative stature of the tragic James Tyrone.

"What I am after," O'Neill once wrote, "is to get an audience to leave the theater with an exultant feeling from seeing somebody on the stage facing life, fighting against the eternal odds, not conquering, but perhaps inevitably being conquered. The individual life is made significant just by the struggle." Exultation may not be your response here, though significance certainly does imbue this *Moon for the Misbegotten*.

O'Neill's characters, tortured, misguided, and misbegotten as they are, win our sympathy. Play and playwright make few judgments about Hogan, Tyrone or Josie—only an irresistible summons to experience with them the sorrows of our common mortality.

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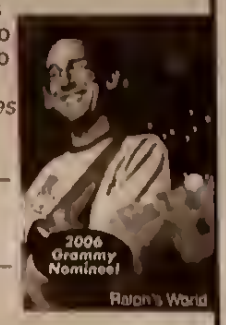

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New Jersey Opera Theater To Offer Verdi's "Falstaff"

New Jersey Opera Theater will launch its third season with a semi-staged performance of Giuseppe Verdi's final opera *Folstaff*, featuring internationally recognized singers with orchestra and chorus. The performance will take place at Richardson Auditorium on Sunday, February 26 at 2 p.m.

Widely regarded as one of the greatest comic operas ever written, *Falstoff* represents Verdi's final word on the human condition. It is based on the Shakespeare character in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

The performance will feature bass-baritone Stefan Szkafarowsky as Falstaff, soprano Barbara Shirvis as Alice, and baritone James Westman as Ford. They will be accompanied by the New Jersey Opera Theater Orchestra and the chorus of the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia. Maestro Gerald Steichen will conduct.

The production of *Folstoff* will be a prelude to New Jersey Opera Theater's July SummerFest at McCarter's Berlind Theatre, which will feature singers in fully staged productions of Mozart's *Così fon tutte*, Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*, and the comic double bill of Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi* and Michael Ching's *Buoso's Ghost*.

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McCarter Theatre will present Nuevo Ballet Español in the Matthews Theatre on Thursday, February 2 at 8 p.m. Immediately following its Princeton appearance, the troupe will headline the 2006 New York Flamenco Festival.

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Nuevo Ballet Español was formed in 1995 after Rojas and Rodríguez both won best dancer at Spain '94 and garnered that year's Flamenco Annual Choreography Awards. Since then the two, along with their ensemble of talented dancers and musicians, have debuted in over ten countries including France, Finland, Peru, Venezuela, Spain, Italy, Tunisia, Holland, Germany, Belgium, the United Kingdom and the United States. Nuevo Ballet Español also made its television debut in 2002 with a PBS Special produced by Sony featuring 24 dancers and 13 musicians.

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"Harlem Doctors" Out At Passage Theatre

Trenton's Passage Theatre has announced that *Harlem Doctors*, a new play originally scheduled for a three-week run in February, has been cancelled. It will be replaced in March by *Love To All, Lorroine*, written and performed by Elizabeth Van Dyke and inspired by the life of playwright Lorraine Hansberry.

Directed by Woodie King Jr., *Love To All* will be presented in partnership with the National Black Touring Circuit.

Ms. Hansberry was the youngest playwright and first African-American to have a play produced on Broadway when *A Raisin in the Sun* premiered in 1959. Ms. Van Dyke, best known for her portrayal of Zora Neale Hurston, portrays Hansberry's childhood as part of the first black family to move into a "whites-only" neighborhood. The play introduces the audience to Ms. Hansberry's mentors and family friends Langston Hughes, W.E.B. DuBois, and Paul Robeson, who inspired her to write about the black experience.

Performances will be March 9 through March 26 on Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 5 p.m. at the Mill Hill Playhouse, located at the intersection of Front and Montgomery Streets in Trenton.

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'The New World' Presents an Overly Imaginative Picture of Pocahontas

Are you familiar with the legend of Pocahontas? If so, you might not recognize the imaginative version of the tale told in *The New World*. This novel re-interpretation was both written and directed by Terrence Malick, a two-time Oscar-nominee for *The Thin Red Line*.

Historians generally concur that Pocahontas was born Matoaka (1595-1617), but was given the nickname Pocahontas (Algonquin for "little wanton") as a child because of her playful nature. She was the daughter of Powhatan, chief of the tribe which resided in the Tidewater region of Virginia when the English first arrived in May of 1607.

In December of that year, Captain John Smith (1579-1631) was leading an expedition when he was captured by Native Americans and almost executed. However, he was saved thanks to the intervention of Pocahontas, who was 12-years-old. She was subsequently welcomed as a frequent guest at the British colony, which became her second home where she made friends with other children.

As relations worsened between the British and Native Americans, the young girl came to play a critical role in the survival of the early settlement because she supplied its inhabitants with sufficient provisions to stave off starvation. In 1609, Smith was badly wounded in a gunpowder explosion, and returned to England for medical treatment.

In 1610 Pocahontas married a fellow native (who is not mentioned in the film) who was kidnapped by the colonists. A few years later, she converted to Christianity, was baptized Rebecca, and married John Rolfe (1585-1622), a very religious, tobacco farmer. She had a child with her second husband, and the family was summoned to London for an audience with King James I in 1616. Pocahontas fell ill during the return trip and succumbed to pneumonia before the ship arrived in Virginia.

HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT: Pocahontas (Q'Orianka Kilcher), wistfully gazes into space; perhaps trying to imagine what her life as Mrs John Smith will be like, not realizing that he will soon return to England without her.

Those are the generally accepteded factual details of Pocahontas' life. By contrast, Terrence Malick reweaves the story into a romanticized account. *The New World* features the highly-stylized cinematography seen in *The Thin Red Line* which made the battle of Guadalcanal look like indescribable scenes of graphic bloodletting periodically punctuated by surreal, disembodied reflections on the insanity of it all.

This film features a similar absence of structure and its heroine will upset those viewers interested in historical accuracy. Pocahontas (Q'Orianka Kilcher) is not a carefree child playing with children, but is portrayed as a seductive nymphet planning to wed John Smith (Colin Farrell). The plans are thwarted when the 28 year-old Smith leaves the colony.

She pines away for Smith, unable to get the love of her life out of her head until she is incorrectly told that he has died. Pocahontas then reluctantly marries John Rolfe (Christian Bale). The narrator (John Hurt) foretells the reunion between John Smith and Pocahontas, and the film reaches an anti-climactic short-lived reunion, followed by a bittersweet finale.

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Annopolis (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and violence). James Franco stars in this drama about a boy's attempt to turn his life around after being accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy. With Tyrese, Donnie Wahlberg and Chi McBride.

Big Mommo's House 2 (PG-13 for coarse humor and a drug reference). Martin Lawrence is back as cross-dressing FBI Agent Malcolm Turner. This time out, he again goes undercover as his sassy alter-ego Hattie Mae in order to take a job as a nanny for a woman (Emily Procter) suspected of murder. Nia Long is the only other returnee from the principal cast.

Brokebock Mountoin (R for sex, expletives, nudity, and violence). Oscar-nominee Ang Lee (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) directs this homoerotic drama based on the Annie Proulx short story of the same name. Set in Wyoming and Texas in the sixties, this romantic tale revolves around the divergent fortunes of a couple of closeted gay cowboys, one of whom finds fame in the rodeo (Jake Gyllenhaal) while the other remains a lowly ranch hand (Heath Ledger). With Michelle Williams and Anne Hathaway as their wives.

Cosonovo (R for sexuality). Heath Ledger stars as the legendary 18th century womanizer in this romance drama about a cad concerned only about his next conquest till he meets his match in a feminist (Sienna Miller) from Venice.

Cheoper by the Dozen 2 (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt reprise their roles as Tom and Kate Baker, a Chicago couple with 12 children. The sequel, set during a summer vacation taken at rustic Lake Winnetka, pits the Bakers versus the Murtaughs, a competitive clan of 8 headed by Eugene Levy and Carmen Electra.

The Chronicles of Nornio (PG for battle sequences and other frightening moments). Disney animated interpretation of the fanciful C.S. Lewis children's novel, set in the English countryside during the Second World War, follows the adventures of four siblings who happen upon a magical, parallel universe where a lion (Liam Neeson) enlists their help to break the spell of an evil witch (Tilda Swinton).

Fun with Dick ond Jone (PG-13 for sexual humor, profanity, and drug references). Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni assume the roles played by George Segal and Jane Fonda in this remake of the 1977 crime comedy about a successful suburban couple who turn to robbery to maintain their standard of living after losing their high-paying jobs. With Alec Baldwin and Angie Harmon.

Glory Rood (PG for mature themes, violence, ethnic slurs and profanity). Inspirational melodrama, set in 1966, recounts the real-life events surrounding the efforts of underdog Texas Western to upset heavily-favored Kentucky and thereby become the first all-black basketball team to win the NCAA championship. Cast includes Derek Luke, Josh Lucas, and Tatyana Ali.

Good Night, ond Good Luck (PG for adult themes and brief profanity). George Clooney wrote, directed and co-stars in this fifties docu-drama, shot in black & white, which revisits CBS journalist Edward R. Murrow's (David Strathairn) determination to expose the overzealous efforts of the House Un-American Activities Committee as a witch hunt, despite being called a Communist by Senator Joe McCarthy. With Patricia Clarkson and Jeff Daniels.

Hoodwinked (PG for mature themes and action elements). Animated sequel to Little Red Riding Hood features the voicework of Glenn Close, Anne Hathaway, Jim Belushi, Anthony Anderson Xzibit, Andy Dick, Sally Struthers, and Chazz Palminteri. Update of the Brothers Grimm classic fairy tale overhauls the tone of the original in favor of a Shrek-like sensibility.

Hostel (R for profanity, drug use, graphic sex content, brutal torture, and violence). High-body count horror film about a couple of backpacking college kids (Jay Hernandez and Derek Richardson) whose idyllic European vacation turns into a neverending nightmare after they arrive in a sinister Slovakian city supposedly stocked with gorgeous women eager to indulge their wildest fantasies.

King Kong (PG-13 for frightening images and violence). Oscar-winner Peter Jackson (*The Lord of the Rings*) directs second remake of the 1933 classic about explorers who return from the jungles of Sumatra with an overgrown primate who proceeds to go ape over the beautiful actress (Naomi Watts) who holds the key to soothing his beastly nature. Cast includes Adrien Brody, Jack Black and Colin Hanks.

Lost Holidoy (PG-13 for sexual references). Queen Latifah comic vehicle about a shy saleswoman from New Orleans who belatedly blossoms from a wallflower into the life of the party and impulsively abandons The Big Easy for a European vacation after being diagnosed with a terminal illness. Makeover movie co-stars LL Cool, J. Timothy Hutton, Gerard Depardieu, and Giancarlo Esposito.

Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World (PG-13 for drug content and profanity). Albert Brooks plays himself as a comedian sent on assignment by the U.S. Government to India and Pakistan to find out what makes Muslims laugh.

Motch Point (R for sexuality). Woody Allen directs this crime drama about a social-climbing tennis pro (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers) at an upscale British country club who goes to great lengths to hide the fact that he has secretly seduced both a client's (Matthew Goode) sister (Emily Mortimer) and fiancée (Scarlett Johansson).

Munich (R for sex, expletives, nudity, and violence). Steven Spielberg directs this espionage docudrama, which revisits the daring exploits of the secret hit squad, led by a Mossad agent (Eric Bana), assigned to track down and kill the 11 Palestinian terrorists responsible for the slaughter of 11 Israeli athletes during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Germany. Cast includes Geoffrey Rush and Daniel Craig.

Nonny McPhee (PG for adult themes, crude humor, and mild epithets). Emma Thompson handles the title role in this kiddie fantasy as a nanny who uses her magical powers to help a recently-widowed father (Colin Firth) manage his misbehaving brood of seven unruly children.

The New World (PG-13 for graphic battle scenes). Terrence Malick's 17th century costume drama reinterprets the tortured romance of soldier-of-fortune John Smith (Colin Farrell) and native princess Pocahontas (Q'Orianka Kilcher), as set against the backdrop of the primeval wilderness and the colonial settlement of Jamestown, Virginia. With Christian Bale and Christopher Plummer.

Pride ond Prejudice (PG for mature themes). Tenth adaptation of the Jane Austen classic exploration of late 18th Century British gentility revolves around a meddling mom's (Brenda Blethyn) efforts to marry off her five daughters (Keira Knightley, Jena Malone, Talulah Riley, Rosamund Pike, and Carey Mulligan) to appropriate eligible bachelors, especially the wealthy Mr. Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen). Cast includes Donald Sutherland and Dame Judi Dench.

Rumor Hos It (PG-13 for mature themes, crude humor, sex content, and a drug reference). A meet-my-dysfunctional family comedy, about a New York Times obituary writer (Jennifer Aniston) who brings her new fiancé (Mark Ruffalo) home to Pasadena only to stumble upon a well-kept family secret, namely, that the movie *The Graduate* was modeled on the extramarital affair that her mom (Shirley MacLaine) had years ago with a college grad (Kevin Costner) who might be her father.

Underworld: Evolution (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality, gore, and violence). Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman reprise their roles in this second installment of a trilogy of horror films about the love affair between a vampire and a werewolf whose tribes are at war.

The White Countess (PG-13 for violence and mature themes). Last Merchant-Ivory costume drama, set in Shanghai in the thirties, about the curious relationship between an American ex-diplomat (Ralph Fiennes) and a widowed Russian countess (Natasha Richardson) who has been reduced to prostitution to support an extended family of refugee aristocrats which includes her daughter (Madeleine Daly), aunt (Vanessa Redgrave), mother-in-law (Lynn Redgrave), and sister-in-law (Madeleine Potter).

—Kam Williams

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Sports

Buoyed by Rare Sweep of Colgate, Cornell, Tiger Men's Hockey Aims for Consistency

The seniors on the Princeton University men's hockey team have endured plenty of hard times over the course of their college careers.

Coming into this season, Princeton had gone 24-62-8 in their first three years with the program.

The Class of 2006 lost the head coach that recruited them as Len Quesnelle was let go in 2004 and replaced by Guy Gadowsky.

Over the course of their first three years, the seniors had never enjoyed a weekend sweep in ECAC Hockey League play.

In late December, it appeared that Princeton may be turning the corner as it shocked two-time defending national champion Denver 4-1 at the Denver Cup.

But the joy of that triumph was tempered by a disheartening 6-1 loss to Yale on January 6 which triggered more soul-searching and talk about the team's maddening inconsistency.

In the view of Princeton head coach Gadowsky, though, the Yale debacle helped the team gain a valuable if painful lesson.

"We came off a big win in Denver and I think we were looking at the result rather than the process," said Gadowsky. "It helped us understand that even if it was tough to go through."

BROTHERS IN ARMS:Princeton University junior star Kevin Westgarth, left, and his brother Brett Westgarth, celebrate during Princeton's 5-3 win over Colgate on January 13. A night later, the Tigers topped Cornell 3-0 to earn their first weekend sweep in ECAC Hockey League play since the 2001-02 season. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJSports Action)*

The Tigers responded a night later with a 2-2 tie against visiting Brown. "We played some very good hockey against Brown," said Gadowsky. "We sat some very good hockey players and that got everybody refocused on team goals."

Princeton showed its focus a weekend later as it beat No. 16 Colgate 5-3 on Friday and then stunned No. 7 Cornell 3-0 a night later, giving the program the first ECACHL weekend sweep since the 2001-02 campaign.

While the weekend sweep turned plenty of heads, Gadowsky maintains that it was no fluke.

"We knew they were improving," asserted Gadowsky, whose team climbed to 7-12-1 overall and 4-9-1 in ECACHL play due to the breakthrough weekend.

"This just validated the hard work. It's been the work that has been going on all along; the results identify that for others. It's how they respond when the coaches leave the dressing room that is the important thing. The guys have been holding themselves accountable."

Pushing each other produced a superb all-around effort in the Colgate win. "I thought we played three pretty good periods," said Gadowsky, whose club outshot the Raiders 31-24 with Kevin Westgarth picking up a goal and two assists and Grant Goeckner-Zoeller firing in two goals.

"Kevin Westgarth played very, very well. Mike Moore had his best game of the year. He played really hard and defended so well all game long."

Princeton showed its mettle when it held off Colgate after the Raiders narrowed the gap to 4-3 in the third period.

"I think they responded better than the coach," said Gadowsky with a chuckle. "I was getting a little nervous. They played solid and smart hockey."

In the past, a good win for Princeton has often been followed by a letdown. But heading into the Cornell game, Gadowsky had the sense that his veteran players were ready to seize the moment.

"I think there was a carryover from the Colgate game," said Gadowsky. "It was an opportunity. Our seniors had never swept an ECAC weekend and they wanted to accomplish that."

One senior in particular, goaltender Eric Leroux, made that accomplishment a reality. Producing a spectacular effort, Leroux made 35 saves as Princeton shut out Cornell for the first time since 1964. He was named the ECACHL Goalie of the Week for his sparkling play.

"Leroux was fantastic," said Gadowsky, noting that his goalie was at his best in the second period when he withstood a 14-shot Cornell barrage.

"Every time we faltered he was there. If you have great goaltending and just score a few goals, you can beat just about anybody. Cornell played well in the second and third periods and showed why they are the No. 7 team in the country. We were fortunate to have Eric."

The Tigers were also fortunate to have senior defender Darroll Powe in top form as he scored two goals in the win over the Big Red.

"That was overdue," said Gadowsky, referring to Powe's scoring outburst. "He works so hard every single day; it was about time for him to get some breaks."

The player who may have best exemplified the Tigers' gritty and productive play over the weekend was junior forward Goeckner-Zoeller. After scoring twice against Colgate, Goeckner-Zoeller added one against Cornell.

POWER TRIP: Princeton University senior defenseman Darroll Powe fires a shot in a recent game. In the Tigers' last action before exam break, Powe scored two goals to help Princeton to a stunning 3-0 win over No. 7 Cornell. The Tigers, now 7-12-1 overall and 4-9-1 in ECAC Hockey League action, resume play when they travel to Robert Morris on January 31. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJSports Action)*

"Grant deserves even more credit than he gets," said Gadowsky of the junior from Los Angeles who has a team-high 16 points and was named the ECACHL Player of the Week for his exploits in the sweep.

"His offense is a by-product of how he plays for the team. And the players within the team know that. I talk about the hockey gods and how when a player does the little things, the scoring seems to come."

With Princeton currently on exam break until it plays at Robert Morris on January 31, Gadowsky felt the wins over Colgate and Cornell came at just the right time.

"I was very happy that they ended on a strong note," said Gadowsky, whose club currently stands ninth in the ECACHL standings.

"They feel good going into exams and their heads are clear. The Robert Morris game will be a big one for us to get our heads back into things."

If the Tigers can keep their heads, they could be headed for some good times down the stretch.

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Motivated by Inspirational Chat From Butsch, Tiger Women's Hockey Hits Break on a High

With the Princeton University women's ice hockey team trailing 1-0 at Colgate after one period earlier this month, Tiger senior Sarah Butsch decided it was time to speak up.

"Butsch had an inspirational talk after the first period," said Princeton head coach Jeff Kampersal. "I didn't quite hear what she was saying; I just heard a lot of yelling."

Princeton junior star Kim Pearce didn't waste any time responding to Butsch's pep talk as she scored a goal less than one minute into the second period to even the game at 1-1.

Butsch then backed up her words as she scored the go-ahead goal late in the second period, cashing in on a feed from Marykate Oakley. The tally stood up as Princeton earned a hard-fought 2-1 win.

A day later at Cornell, Butsch came through again, scoring one of Princeton's three first-period goals as the Tigers went on to a 5-2 win over the Big Red.

For helping Princeton to a weekend sweep in its last action before going on exam break, Butsch was named as the ECAC Hockey League Player of the Week.

Kampersal knows what an important player Butsch has been in helping eighth-ranked Princeton to an 11-5-4 overall record and 7-2-2 in ECACHL play.

"She is an inspirational leader," said Kampersal of the senior forward from Berlin, Vt. who has 12 points so far this season on seven goals and five assists. "She is consistently tough; she never stops working. She has a knack for scoring timely goals."

After Princeton started the 2006 portion of its schedule by tying Yale 5-5 and losing to Brown 4-3, Kampersal acknowledged that his team needed a jolt.

"The Brown and Yale games were bizarre," said Kampersal. "We needed to get back to basics."

The Tigers displayed some sound offensive fundamentals in the Cornell game as Heather Jackson, Annie Greenwood, and Chrissie Norwich scored goals in addition to Butsch and Oakley.

"It was good to start that way," said Kampersal. "Marykate Oakley is really playing well. She has good hands and good vision. She had a hand in all three goals in the first period. We held the fort after that."

Freshman goalie Kristen Young helped hold the fort for Princeton as she made her first career start and stopped 15 of the 17 shots that came her way.

"She is a good kid and a hard worker," said Kampersal, who gave All-Ivy senior goalie Roxanne Gaudiel a rare night off.

"She had mono earlier in the year and she is rounding back into shape. Roxy has played almost every game the last two years and we're going to need Kristen to take over."

With Princeton currently tied with Clarkson and Harvard for second in the ECACHL just two points behind St. Lawrence, Kampersal is depending on Butsch and her fellow seniors to take over down the stretch.

"Some of our teams haven't finished well," acknowledged Kampersal. "They've lost steam after exams. The seniors recognize that they have a chance to be the best team here in 10 years and they're providing great leadership."

That leadership has already produced a special feeling in the Princeton locker room.

"We have great team chemistry," asserted Kampersal, whose team will resume action when it plays at Quinnipiac on January 31. "The kids all get along so well; that's half the battle."

If Princeton can keep battling after exams, it could make quite a statement this season.

—Bill Alden

BUTSCH CAMPAIGN: Princeton University senior star Sarah Butsch, left, fights for the puck in a recent game. Last week, Butsch was named as the ECAC Hockey League's Player of the Week after scoring the game-winning goals in Princeton's wins over Colgate and Cornell on January 13-14. The Tigers, who are currently on exam break, resume play when they travel to Quinnipiac on January 31.

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CLARK BAR: Princeton University senior co-captain Tarah Clark hits the ice to block a shot in recent action. With Clark helping to spearhead the Tiger defense, Princeton is off to an 11-5-4 start with a 7-2-2 in ECAC Hockey League play.

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Former PHS Swim Star Applegate Looking to Stand Tall for Rutgers

Jesse Applegate is used to being a dominant presence around the swimming pool.

With his height and athleticism, Applegate has been a stand-out swimmer since he started winning races as an eight-year-old in the 1990s for the Community Park Bluefish.

Growing to a height of 6'9, Applegate put together a towering career for the Princeton High swimming program. Piling up win after win in the freestyle, backstroke, and relay events, Applegate helped PHS win four straight Public B Central Jersey crowns and three straight Mercer County team titles.

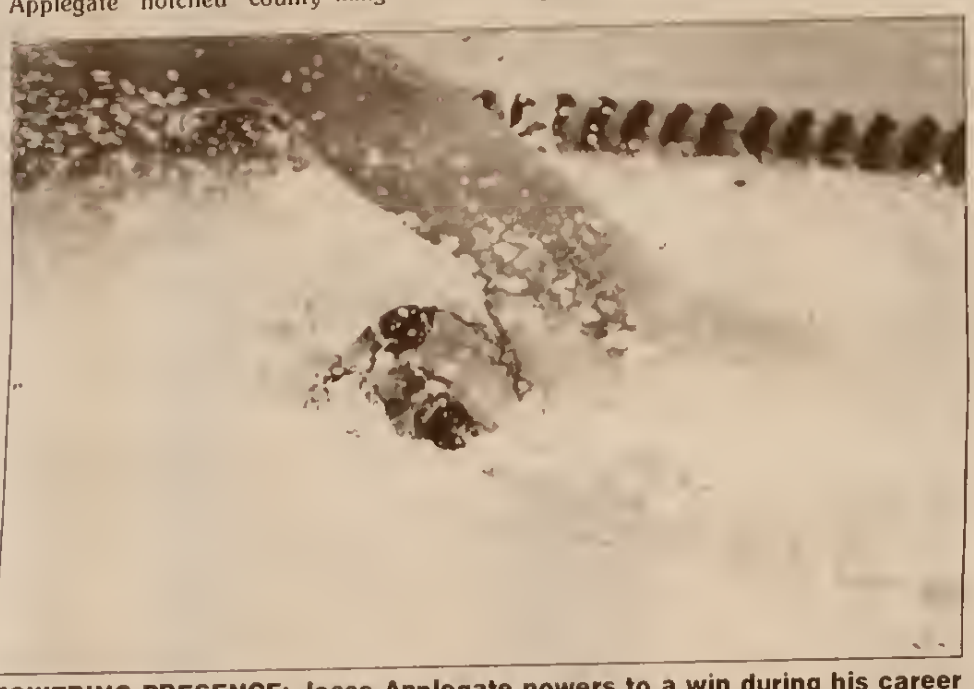
In his senior year at PHS, Applegate notched county crowns in the 50 freestyle, 100 free, and anchored the winning 400 free relay team. He capped his high school career by finishing second in both the 50 free and the 100 free at the 2004 NJSIAA individual swimming championships.

After PHS, Applegate moved on to Rutgers on a swimming scholarship and is now enjoying the challenge of trying to make a major impact on the college scene as he competes in his sophomore season with the Scarlet Knights.

"Being a part of the team is special; it's so close knit," said Applegate. "There are a lot of things that we do together. It's great to be part of a program that has so much history."

That camaraderie is forged through a grueling training regimen. "It is so intense, it doesn't compare," said Applegate, who specializes in the 50 and 100 free as well as the free relays.

"We train nine times a week. We do double sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The swimming workouts are around 5,000-6,000 yards. We do a lot of dry land work and we work with a weight coach two days a week. The entire team gets exhausted but if we're tired, that means we're working hard enough."



TOWERING PRESENCE: Jesse Applegate powers to a win during his career with the Princeton High swimming team. The 6'9 Applegate is currently competing in his sophomore season with the Rutgers swimming program.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Putting in the time in the pool is something that Applegate has been doing since he was an elementary school student at the Littlebrook School.

"When I was seven, I started with Community Park," recalled Applegate, who went on to compete year-round for the Princeton-based X-Cel swim club. "Of all the things I could do, playing soccer or basketball, swimming is what I liked most. I was tall, even back then, and that helped. I would always end up being at the top of my age group."

Applegate's PHS swimming experience stands out as a major highlight of his swimming career. "I would say the whole four years was great; we had a dynasty," asserted Applegate.

"We won four sectional titles and made it to two state championship meets. We didn't score enough points to win the championship meets but we did better than expectations. We only had eight or nine guys and everybody gave their best."

In Applegate's view, PHS head coach Greg Hand played a major role in his development as a swimmer. "I think Mr. Hand is one of the best coaches I've ever had," said Applegate. "He's been coaching so long and he gives such great leadership. It's hard to find coaches like that."

Applegate, who helped the Rutgers 400 relay team to a third-place finish in a dual meet loss to Penn State last Saturday, is looking to perform well for Rutgers coach Chuck Warner.

"I've been there, I've done that," said Applegate, who qualified for the Big East meet last season in the 50 free. "I know what everything is about. I knew that swimming at the D-I level was going to be hard, there is more at stake. I feel pressure, I owe it to my coach to do better."

Based on Applegate's record of consistent success, he should be up to that challenge.

—Bill Alden

PARK RANGER: Former Princeton High swim star Jesse Applegate, who got his start in the sport by competing for the Community Park Bluefish, has enjoyed spending his summers serving as an assistant coach for the CP program.

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With Rogers Gaining Confidence in His Game, PHS Boys' Basketball Gets On Winning Track

Joe Rogers didn't play like a sophomore for the Princeton High boys' basketball team last Thursday as it battled Princeton Day School.

Looking like a hardened veteran, Rogers hit two key shots in the second quarter to help PHS build a 30-23 halftime lead.

In the fourth quarter, Rogers handled the ball flawlessly and made several key free throws as the Little Tigers held on for a 56-46 triumph.

Rogers, who scored a team-high 15 points in the win, acknowledged that it took him a while to feel like he belonged with the senior-laden PHS squad.

"I really got my confidence after the Trenton game," said Rogers, referring to the Little Tigers' 67-60 loss to the Tornadoes in their third game of the season in which he scored 14 points.

"I knew that if I could score against them, I could score against anyone. You're not going to find a more athletic team than that to go against."

In the wake of that performance, Rogers' self-confidence has helped him emerge as PHS' most reliable backcourt scoring threat.

"I'm not nervous with the ball in my hands because I'm a sophomore," added Rogers, who is averaging 10.9 points per game. "I'm confident with the ball in my hands; I know I can hit the shots. I was an inconsistent three-point shooter last year. In the last few games, I have my three-point percentage up and that really helps my game."

Rogers' coolness under fire is also the product of hard work. "Coming into the season, I really got my shot a lot better," said Rogers, who scored a game-high 18 points last Friday to lead PHS to a 66-47 win over Hightstown. "I've been shooting a lot on my own. Over the summer, I really worked on my shot and my ballhandling."

Another factor increasing Rogers' comfort on the court is the chance to play with his older brother, Will, a senior guard for PHS who contributed nine points in the victory over PDS.

"It's good," said Rogers with a smile. "He hit his shots today. It's real fun when we're playing together and we're both hitting our shots."

PHS head coach Dave Kosa is pleased with the contributions he's getting from the Rogers' brothers.

"Joe has really stepped up his scoring ability," said Kosa, whose team improved to 4-9 with the win over Hightstown. "Will got hot in the second quarter too. Those two guys stepped up on the outside and I think that opens up our inside game."

In the win over PDS, senior forward Marc Andre was the major beneficiary of the Rogers' good shooting.

"Marc got some easy lay-ups in the third and fourth quarter," added Kosa of his senior forward who scored 10 points in the contest. "He's just so energetic. He's a tireless worker inside. With him, we're looking to wear out the other team's post players."

With PHS needing to win five straight games to hit the .500 mark as of the February 4 state tournament cut-off date, Kosa is urging his players to focus on doing the little things.

"The way we have been playing in the last couple of games, I told them to just hang in there," said Kosa, whose team was slated to play at WW/P-S on January 24 and at Montgomery on January 27.

"I was all over them today when there was a loose ball and we didn't have two or three guys on it because we need that. We're taking things one possession at a time."

Rogers, for his part, believes the win over PDS could be a turning point for the Little Tigers. "I think it is," said Rogers. "This was a good team, they beat us last year. I think we played better defense than we usually do. We just have to go game by game."

—Bill Alden

MARKED MAN: Princeton High senior star Marc Andre powers to the basket last Thursday on his way to a 10-point performance in PHS' 56-46 win at Princeton Day School. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers play at Montgomery on January 27. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

JOLLY ROGERS: Princeton High sophomore guard Joe Rogers fires a shot in PHS' 56-46 victory at Princeton Day School last Thursday. Rogers scored a team-high 15 points as the Little Tigers held off PDS. A day later, Rogers scored 18 points to lead PHS to a 66-47 win over Hightstown which lifted it to 4-9 on the season. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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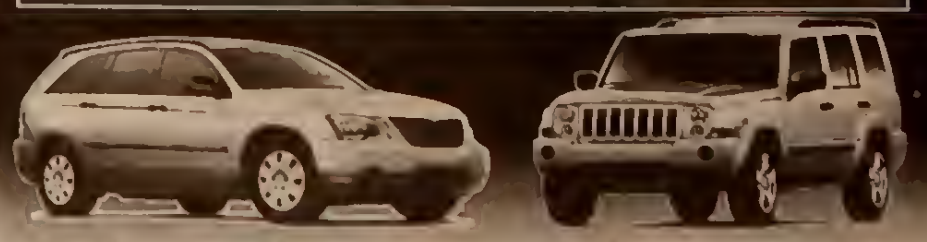

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Mahon Providing Leadership From the Back As PHS Girls' Ice Hockey Builds Momentum

Cami Mahon knew that the Princeton High girls' hockey team had to produce a special defensive effort to have a chance as it played at Morristown-Beard last Wednesday.

Powerful Mo-Beard came into the evening sitting in first place in the Women's Interscholastic Hockey League of the Mid-Atlantic (WIHLMA).

PHS, on the other hand, was coming off a 9-2 thumping at the hands of non-league opponent Portledge School.

With senior defender Mahon and sophomore star Blair Thompson patrolling the blue line for much of the contest, PHS stifled the Crimson, pulling off a dramatic 0-0 tie.

While the 0-0 stalemate may not seem like a thriller to many, it was a thing of beauty to Little Tiger co-captain Mahon.

"I don't think I've had so much fun in a hockey game," said the affable Mahon with a grin. "It was really interesting to see how we stood up against a first-place team. Everybody stepped up and played their positions."

In Mahon's view, tactical fine-tuning helped PHS put the clamps on high-powered Mo-Beard. "We're playing a man-to-man defense which is new. In all the seasons I've been here, we've never done that. It's working well for us so far, I think."

One thing that is working particularly well for PHS is the pairing of Mahon and Thompson. "We really have each other's flow down," asserted Mahon, referring to her partnership with the skilled Thompson.

"It's really nice to know that someone is always backing you up. You're just confident that they are always going to be there. I think as the season goes on, everybody is getting used to everybody."

In PHS' 8-1 victory over Stuart Country Day last Thursday at Baker Rink, Mahon and Thompson provided some punch to go with their defense as Mahon had a goal and an assist with Thompson chipping in two goals.

"Blair likes to carry the puck," noted Mahon. "It's important for the entire team to contribute, even if it's just an assist or a nice pass, anything to pick up the game."

PHS head coach Matt Becan is depending on Mahon and Thompson to spearhead the Little Tiger defense. "They have been our defensive line; our stone wall as far as keeping the puck in and keeping the puck out," said Becan, whose team improved to 5-2-1 with the rout of Stuart.

"Both of them have a lot of confidence and they are able to pick up our players. We rely on playing a defensive game; we know that a lot of the games are going to end up being close battles. We are going to have to beat teams 1-0, 2-1, or something like that."

The Little Tigers reached a new level defensively in the scoreless tie with Mo-Beard. "Against Mo-Beard, we got to work in the defensive zone and we played a perfect game against them," asserted Becan, whose senior goalie Emily Schulte made 14 saves for PHS against the Crimson including two point-blank stops late in the game. "For us to come and tie them was humongous; that was a huge accomplishment for our team. We had only beaten Mo-Beard once in our history."

A night later against Stuart, PHS displayed its offensive depth as Dee Dee Mahon had two goals and an assist with Melissa Diamond, Katie Burke, and Kristen Naylor also finding the back of the net.

"We had huge balance today," added Becan, whose club outshot Stuart 48-13. "It boosts the girls' morale to know that if they work hard, they're going to get opportunities. We built confidence on both ends of the ice tonight."

With the PHS program continuing to add new players and build overall depth, Becan is looking for veterans like Mahon to help bring the younger players along.

"Cami has been very, very helpful in terms of working with our younger players," said Becan, whose team hosts Pingry on January 26 before playing at Hill on January 27.

"That's something we expect of our players who have experience. I think all of our players buy into the fact that we rely on developing players. We need players to develop and step up in their fourth year."

For Mahon, being there for the younger players is just as satisfying as scoring a goal. "Kristen [Naylor], Carly [Moseley] and I are the three captains," said Mahon.

"It's always been our dream to be the captains of the team and skating together. It's just so much fun, not just to have the title - but to know that you're there for the other girls to go to. It's great to have them come to you with questions and to believe in you."

And it's great for PHS to have Mahon providing the right answers on and off the ice.

—Bill Alden

BLAIR HOUSE: Princeton High sophomore defender Blair Thompson clears the puck last Thursday in PHS' 8-1 victory over Stuart at Baker Rink. Thompson chipped in two first-period goals to help trigger the rout. In upcoming action, PHS hosts Pingry on January 26 before playing at Hill on January 27. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

LEADING FROM THE BACK: Princeton High senior defenseman and co-captain Cami Mahon controls the puck on her way to a one goal, one assist effort in PHS' 8-1 win over Stuart Country Day last Thursday. The win lifted the Little Tigers to 5-2-1 on the season. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Hun Boys' Hoops Outduels Army Prep As Petrie's Final Salvo Proves Decisive

Invading Fort Monmouth last Saturday to battle Army Prep, the Hun School boys' basketball team faced some daunting challenges.

First, the game was played under college rules with 20-minute halves and a 35-second shot clock instead of the four 8-minute quarters without a shot clock format that Hun is used to.

Moreover, the Raiders were without the services of two of their key players, Josh Davis and Idris Hilliard, who were sidelined due to nagging injuries.

Trailing by six points late in the contest, it appeared that Hun was destined to capitulate to the Black Knights. But the Raiders outgunned Army Prep down the stretch with Chris Petrie scoring on an inbounds pass from Kenny Ross just before the buzzer to give Hun a dramatic 54-52 triumph.

Hun head coach Jon Stone was proud of the character his troops showed in pulling out the win. "I was really excited and happy for the guys," said Stone, whose club improved to 11-6 with the win. "It was a different set of circumstances than we're used to. It's always great to win at the buzzer."

Hun got a great performance from post-graduate guard Petrie, who scored a team-high 17 points. "Chris played well," said Stone of the guard who is headed to the Princeton University men's hoops team this fall. "He hit three 3-pointers for us in the first half. He just gave us a scoring boost; he's been doing that for us lately. He's growing and gaining more confidence."

Freshman guard Ross showed that he is gaining more and more confidence as he scored 11 points and made several clutch plays for Hun. "Kenny hit three 3-pointers in the second half," recalled Stone. "Those were big shots for him. He showed what he is capable of doing. He made a great play on that in-bounds pass; without that we probably wouldn't have won the game."

Sophomore forward Lance Goulbourne showed that he is becoming more and more capable of becoming a big-time player for Hun. "Lance is continuing to develop," asserted Stone. "He didn't play a good game for him and he still had 12 points and 10 rebounds. He hit some big threes and two key rebounds in the last minute of the game. He's going through a transition like a lot of the players we've had here. I think he's getting more and more comfortable."

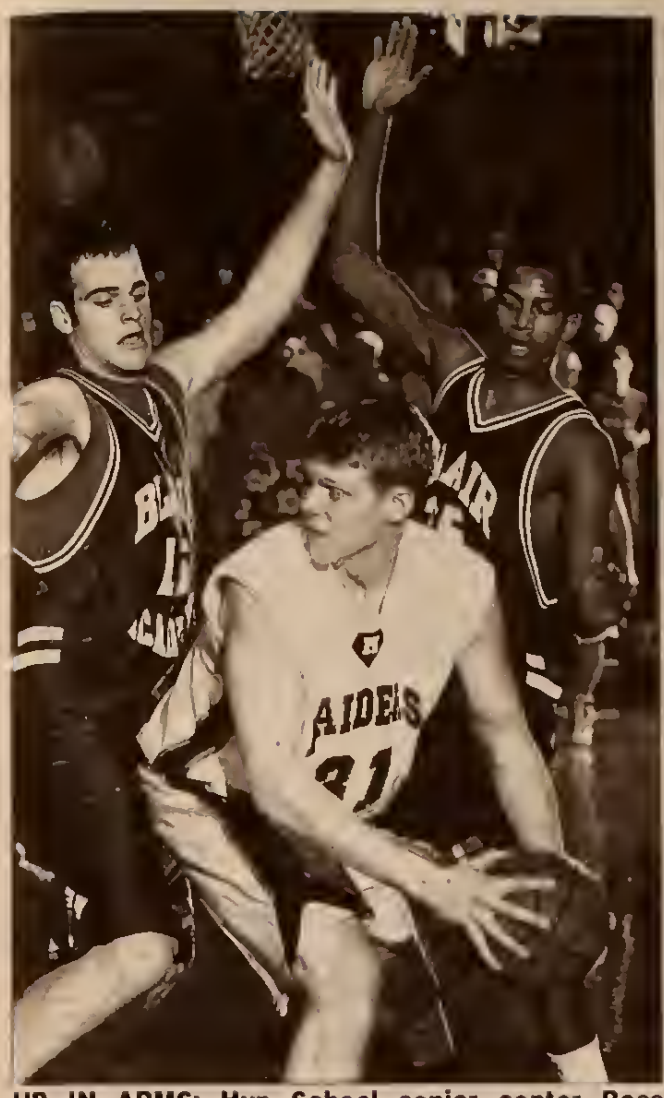
Stone, for his part, is comfortable with his team's prospects. "I'm excited about where this team is going," said Stone. "We're just starting to touch on how good we can be. We've yet to hit the fullness of what we can do. We've had guys step up and play well when they get the minutes."

With Hun on exam break until January 25, the Raiders will get back into action with a trip to New England this weekend.

"We're going up to Connecticut," added Stone, whose club is playing at St. Luke's on January 27 and at King/Low Heywood Thomas on January 28 before hosting archrival Lawrenceville on January 31. "It will be good to play outside the state and get away after exams. It's a good chance for the guys to bond a little bit."

The bonds forged through Hun's last-second win on Saturday should help that process.

—Bill Alden



UP IN ARMS: Hun School senior center Ross Trampler, middle, looks for a teammate in recent action. Trampler and the Raiders edged Army Prep 54-52 last Saturday to improve to 11-6 on the season. In upcoming action, Hun heads to Connecticut to play at St. Luke's on January 27 and at King/Low Heywood Thomas on January 28 before hosting archrival Lawrenceville on January 31. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

HOLDING THE FORT: Hun School guard Chris Petrie, left, battles for position in a game earlier this season. Last Saturday, Petrie scored 17 points, including the game-winning bucket, to help Hun win 54-52 at Army Prep. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Paced by Hustle from Senior Star Cellars, PDS Girls' Ice Hockey Competing Hard

After falling behind Lawrenceville 4-0 in the first period last Wednesday, the Princeton Day School girls' hockey team could've meekly accepted a beating.

But senior forward Jessica Cellars wasn't about to let that happen.

With her blonde hair flying out from beneath her helmet, the diminutive Cellars kept digging pucks out of the corners and putting heat on the Big Red defense.

Although PDS ended up falling 7-0, Cellars and her teammates skated off the ice with their heads held high.

"I think we wanted to keep it competitive," said Cellars. "They have a stronger program but it's good to test yourself against harder teams to show what you're made of."

In Cellars' view, the experience of hattling a power like Lawrenceville will benefit the Panthers in the long run.

"We were all exhausted when we came to the bench," said Cellars. "It was good to push ourselves; hopefully we'll be better for the next game. I hope we'll take way from this game some things we learned about staying with tougher teams. It's not a downer, we played as hard as we could and that was our goal."

As a senior leader for the Panthers, Cellars feels a special responsibility to always play hard.

"I need to be an example and give everything, the way we talk about," asserted Cellars.

"I try to hustle. I think that's something I'm able to do, I can control that. In games like these where there's not much you can control, you can always hustle."

PDS head coach John Cook likes the way his club hustled as they kept fighting for three periods. "I think they played hard to the end," said Cook. "I think the girls elevated their level of play. Lawrenceville was much stronger than all of the other teams we've played so far."

Cook thought he got strong performances from Cellars and sophomore defender Leah Lefebvre.

"Jessie played well, we could see that she kept digging," maintained Cook, whose club lost 3-1 to Morristown-Beard last Monday to fall to 4-8-2 on the season. "Leah played great; she can certainly keep up with them."

Like Cellars, Cook believes that playing against a team as polished as Lawrenceville can only help his club.

"It certainly helps to play against a team with this speed and skill," said Cook, whose club hosts Hill on January 25 and Stuart Country Day on January 30 before playing at Pingry on January 31.

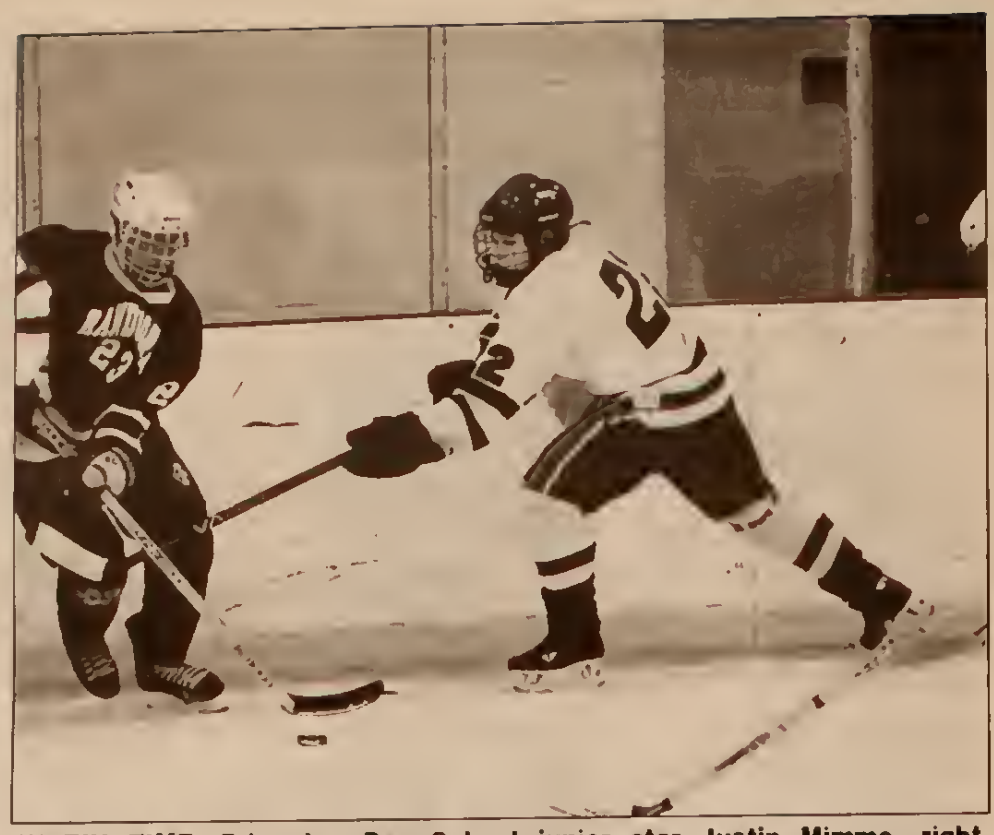
"You pick up the pace and play a little faster. I don't think our girls were intimidated. The Lawrenceville girls were stronger and outplayed them."

Cellars, for her part, likes the pace the team is setting. "We're having a great season," said Cellars. "I feel like we're ending on a really good note. We're doing better than we expected and playing hard. We're doing all we can."

And nobody is playing harder for PDS than the hustling Cellars.

—Bill Alden

FIRE ON ICE: Princeton Day School forward Jessica Cellars chases down a puck in recent action. Cellars' all-out hustle has been a major spark this winter for PDS. Last Monday, the Panthers battled hard in falling 3-1 at Morristown-Beard. PDS, now 4-8-2, hosts Hill on January 25 and Stuart Country Day on January 30 before playing at Pingry on January 31. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*



JUSTIN TIME: Princeton Day School junior star Justin Mimmo, right, thwarts an opponent in a game earlier this season. Last week, Mimmo had two assists and the game-winning goal to help PDS rally to a 5-4 win over Morris Knolls. On Monday, PDS lost 5-3 to Seton Hall Prep to drop to 7-6-1. In upcoming action, the Panthers play at Hill on January 25 before hosting St. Augustine on January 27. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Sparked by Return of Mimmo to Full Strength, PDS Boys' Ice Hockey Primed for Stretch Drive

Justin Mimmo's sophomore campaign with the Princeton Day School boys' hockey team was essentially ruined by a shoulder injury.

Getting hurt in a preseason scrimmage, Mimmo was sidelined for all but five games in 2004-05. With his shoulder at 100 percent this winter, Mimmo has been looking to make every moment count in his junior season.

So with PDS trailing public school power Morris Knolls 4-0 last week, it is no surprise that it was Mimmo who spearheaded a stunning rally.

The curly-haired Mimmo set up two goals as PDS fought back to tie the game at 4-4 with 5:28 remaining in the third period.

Then with just over three minutes remaining in regulation, Mimmo took a feed from linemate Eric Czapka and banged home the game-winner as the Panthers pulled out a dramatic 5-4 victory.

Afterward, a smiling Mimmo said that the Panthers didn't get down on themselves even as things looked their bleakest. "Our team is very positive," said Mimmo. "We kept our heads in the game and our coach [Chris Barcless] got us going. It's not about the name on the back of the shirt; it's about the crest on the front. Everybody is working for the guy next to them."

It took a while but that hard work finally paid dividends in the win over Morris Knolls.

"We were knocking on the door all during the game, it just took some time to bang one in," added Mimmo. "We knew from the start that we could beat them; we just needed to get our game going."

On the game-winning goal, Mimmo and Czapka certainly had their game going. "We got the puck out and Eric was skating down the left side," recalled Mimmo. "I called for it, he passed it across the ice and I hit a corner."

Mimmo is enjoying being back on the ice and playing on a line with Czapka and Derek Mayer. "It's awesome to be able to come back and play this year," added Mimmo, who said he is fully healed from the injury. "Our line is awesome working together. We're best friends and we play together on the Mercer Chiefs. It works out great."

PDS head coach Chris Barcless is happy to have Mimmo back at full strength. "Justin played well for us," said Barcless. "He's a utility player for us. He started the game on defense and he was playing well. But we realized when we were down 4-0 that we needed some spark up front. We moved him up there and he did well."

PDS also got a big performance out of goalie Jarred Tepper, who made several big stops against Morris Knolls including two point-blank saves in the last minute to preserve the win.

"Jared played great," said Barcless, whose club fell 5-3 to Seton Hall Prep last Monday to drop to 7-6-1 on the season. "I don't think he could've stopped any of their four goals. He made some saves that saved the game. In the last minute, he made more saves than I wanted to see."

As PDS prepares for the upcoming Prep tournament and pushing to regain the title it lost last year after seven straight crowns, Barcless is hoping he won't have to rely on late-game heroics.

"I just hope that the guys come prepared to play and have their heads on straight when they hit the ice," said Barcless, whose team plays at Hill on January 25 before hosting St. Augustine on January 27.

"It's going to be tough for us in the Preps whomever we draw first, Montclair Kimberley or Hun. Morristown-Beard is awesome this year. It's going to be very, very tough to take the title from them if we even get there."

Mimmo, for his part, feels that losing the title has given this year's team a special hunger. "It was tough losing it last year," said Mimmo. "I have a lot of confidence in our team this year. Each game we learn something new and at each practice we get better and better. We're young but we can pull it together."

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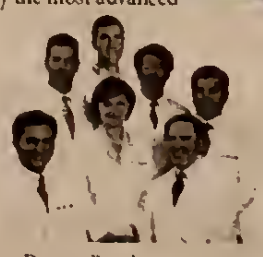

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STUART

Basketball: Rallying from a halftime deficit, Stuart pulled away to a 46-31 win at Morristown-Beard last Monday. Kathryn Kitts scored 23 points with Kelly Bruvik chipping in 16 as the Tartans improved to 6-6 on the season. In upcoming action, Stuart hosts Solomon Schecter on January 26 before playing at Pennington on January 31.

Ice Hockey: Nathalie Verhaegen played superbly in goal to keep things close as Stuart fell 4-0 to powerful Morristown-Beard last Saturday. The Tartans, now 0-5, are next in action when they play at Lansdale Catholic on February 2.

PHS

Boys' Ice Hockey: Unable to hold a 3-0 lead, PHS skated to a 3-3 tie at Clifton last Friday. Brad Carduner, John Ryan, and Peter Teifer scored goals for PHS as it moved to 11-0-2 on the season. In upcoming action, PHS is slated to play in the Titan Cup on January 28 before hosting Steinert on January 30.

Wrestling: PHS edged Nottingham 39-36 last Wednesday to improve to 5-5 on the season. Individual winners for the Little Tigers included J.P. Henrichsen at 275 pounds, Corey Marsh at 103, Erik Cooper at 130, Mark Jeevaratnam at 145, and Andrew Cutler at 152. The Little Tigers host Hopewell Valley on January 25 and WW/P-N on January 28.

HUN

Girls' Basketball: A big game from Amanda Sepulveda was not enough as Hun was edged 48-45 at Germantown Academy last Friday. Sepulveda scored 19 points and Ali Tartacoff added 11 for the Raiders, who fell to 12-4 on the season. Hun hosts St. Anthony's on January 28 before playing at Morris Catholic on January 31.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Hun blanked Academy of New Church 6-0 on January 17 to improve to 5-9 on the season. In upcoming action, the Raiders are slated to play in the state Prep tournament on January 30.

Swimming: Hun topped Blair 71-51 last Wednesday in a coed meet. Individual winners for the Raiders included Andrew Philhower in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly, Connor Bowman in the 500 freestyle, and Ryan Kelly in the 50 free. Hun is scheduled to compete in the Mercer County Tournament from February 2-4 at Lawrence High.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Basketball: Despite big games from Porter Braswell and Leonard Hayes, Lawrenceville fell 70-54 to Blair Academy last Saturday. Braswell scored 19 while Hayes chipped in 17 as the Big Red fell to 8-6 on the season. Lawrenceville faces St. Patrick's on January 26 before playing at Mercersburg on January 29 and Hun on January 31.

Girls' Basketball: A late rally fell short as Lawrenceville was edged 54-52 by Blair last Saturday. The Big Red outscored Blair 19-14 in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough as it fell to 2-8 on the season. Colette Salemi scored 14 points and Tyler Simpson scored 11 to lead Lawrenceville. The Big Red play at Mercersburg Academy on January 29.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: Jordan Mickens and Drew Godwin provided the one-two punch but it wasn't enough as PDS dropped a 50-47 nailbiter to Hightstown last Monday. Mickens poured in 24 points and Godwin added 16 as PDS fell to 5-10 on the season. In upcoming action, the Panthers play at Morris Catholic on January 26 and at Rutgers Prep on January 31.

Girls' Basketball: Hannah Epstein and Ashley Chappo came up big to help lead PDS to a 49-44 win over Keyport last Saturday. Epstein scored a game-high 19 points with Chappo chipping in 17. The Panthers, who improved to 4-11 with the victory, play at Gil St. Bernard's on January 30.

PASSING FANCY: Princeton High junior forward Kelly Curtis looks for a teammate in recent action. Last Friday, Curtis scored 13 points and Erin Cook poured in 30 as PHS topped Hightstown 56-47. On Monday, the Little Tigers fell 63-34 to powerful Notre Dame to drop to 4-11 on the season. In upcoming action, PHS hosts Montgomery on January 27 before playing at Lawrence on January 31. (Photo by Bill Allen-NJ SportAction)

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LOCAL SPORTS

Princeton Travel Basketball Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-11 boys' basketball travel team lost 41-26 to South Brunswick last weekend. Assaf Davidov scored 8 points to lead Princeton with Elliot Golden chipping in 6 points.

Princeton's U-14 boys' squad split two games this weekend. Princeton defeated Montgomery 44-26, led by Josh Gordon's 10 points and seven rebounds and Marco Dracapoli's six points. Princeton then lost a 42-36 nailbiter to East Windsor. Skye Ettin paced Princeton with 16 points and three assists while Devon Holman contributed six points and three assists.

Nassau Girls' Hockey Recent Results

The Nassau Hockey U-19 girls' squad defeated Greenwich 10 to 0 last Saturday in a Club League game played at the Lawrenceville School rink. Dee Dee Mahon had a hat trick for Nassau with Georgia Travers adding two goals and Eliza Hanson, Savannah Hecker, Katy Slowikowski, Charlotte Pashley and Dana Lerner chipping in one goal apiece.

In a Club League game later that day at the Beacon Hill Club in Summit, Nassau defeated Beacon Hill 7 to 0. Slowikowski and Lerner led the way as they each scored two goals. Jane Sancinito, Julie DeSimone, and Savannah Hecker each added one goal.

On Sunday morning at Englewood Field Club, Nassau lost 5-1 to powerful Englewood, who is undefeated in Club League play. Olivia Ray scored Nassau's goal assisted by Eliza Hanson. Nassau's record is now 14-15-1 overall and 7-3 in Club League play.

Dillon Youth Basketball January 21 Results

In action last Saturday in the boys' 4th/5th grade division of the Dillon Youth Basketball League, Peter Schulman scored 13 points to lead the Raptors to a 17-10 win over the Wizards. Jordan Lerner scored 11 points and Mark O'Connell added six as the Magic topped the Knicks 27-13. The Sixers routed the Heat 33-6 as seven different players scored in the win. Grant Schaefer, Matt Vasseur and Louis Capon had six points apiece while Alex Snyder added five. Scott Bechler scored 12 points to lead the Nets to a 21-14 win over the Bobcats. Elliott Golden scored 20 points and Marc Stern added 10 as the Bulls topped the Celtics 30-6.

The boys' 6th/7th grade division saw Jonathan Ostroff score 23 points to lead McCaffrey's to a 30-26 win over Sportsmedicine of Princeton. Jeffrey Batt scored six points to lead Momentum Fitness in a 23-21 win over Caliper Farms. Luke Cordonnier scored 10 points to pace Princeton Amoco in a 22-14 win over Ershow Chiropractic. Tim Vasseur scored eight points and Donald Chao added six as American Sewing & Vacuum topped Princeton Pettoranello Foundation 21-15. Eamon Cuddy scored eight points and Patrick Lynch added seven as GR Murray topped Iano's Rosticceria 25-21. Owen Diver had nine points and Jonathan Yao added eight in the loss.

In games in the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Travis Henderson scored 14 points and Marlowe Alter added eight as the Cougars topped the Pirates 32-27. Thomas Irby and Will Slade scored 12 points apiece as the Knights nipped the Tigers 28-26. James Dwyer scored 11 points and Nick Stiles added 10 as the Raiders topped the Vikings 60-39. Brian Dunlap led the Vikings with 20 points.

In action in the girls' 4th/5th grade division, Ellee DeBaun scored eight points and Mary-Cate Pittman added four as Tull's Terrors topped Princeton Youth Sports16-12. Arielle Thomas scored six points and Bryne Fahey added four as Princeton Dental topped Momentum Fitness 10-3.

The girls' 6th-9th grade division saw Meg Reilly score 15 points to lead Blawenburg Market to a 27-12 win over Woodwinds. Julia Maltby and Kim Rogers had six points apiece in the loss. Adi DeBiche scored nine points and Katherine Comly had eight as Dr. von der Schmidt topped Mack-Cali Realty 25-13. Isabelle Clarke had 10 points in the loss.

Princeton Girls' Lax Holding Registration

Princeton Girls' Lacrosse (PG Lax) is now taking registration for its upcoming spring lacrosse season.

The program, formerly run out of the Princeton Family YWCA, is now independent with the endorsement of the YWCA. PG Lax will have three team levels — 3rd/4th grade, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th grade — with the season running from early March to late June. Practices will take place at Riverside School on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and on Saturday mornings. The games begin in April and are usually held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

PG Lax will be led by Meredith Elwell, the director of the Tri-State Girls' Lacrosse program and a former lacrosse and field hockey star at the University of Virginia.

The registration fee is $290 which includes all club and league fees, a U. S. Lacrosse Membership and a uniform. For information forms, please send a request to Princeton girlslax@yahoo,com. For more information, please call Aaron Burt at (609) 240-4033.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 25 – Wednesday, Feb. 1

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Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC); Borough Hall (BH);
Henry F. Pannell Learning Center (HPLC).
Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, January 25:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, January 26:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.

Friday, January 27:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club Meeting; SPB.

Monday, January 30:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Modern Dance; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
12:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.
1:00 p.m. American Literature for non-Native English Speakers; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, January 31:
10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature with George Ingenbrandt; SC.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, February 1:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoirs; SC.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 25

9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive; Decker Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing.

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. Reservation required; call (609) 683-0591.

Noon: Screening of *Riding the Rails*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: *A Moon for the Misbegotten*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

7:30 p.m.: Poetry reading/signing with Cat Doty, Carolyn Foote Edelmann; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers; Suzanne Patterson Center.

8 p.m.: *Underneath the Lintel*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, January 26

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Earl David Reed with Chris Monty; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Friday, January 27

7:30 p.m.: Princeton University a capella ensemble Shere Khan; Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 to 10 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live Movement Workshop; All Saints' Church.

8 p.m.: *Nobodies of Comedy*; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with pianist Vladimir Feltsman, *Mozart the Pionist*; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Pianist Jung Lin; James A. Michener Art Museum, New Hope, Pa.

8 p.m.: The Who's *Tommy*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Saturday, January 28

7:30 p.m.: Canadian violin ensemble Bowfire; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Jazz concert with singer Ella Gahnt and the E.G. Trio; Michener Art Museum, Doylestown.

8 p.m.: Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Folk Concert with David Brahinsky and Friends; Princeton Yoga Center.

8 p.m.: Dr. John and Bobby "Blue" Bland; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Sunday, January 29

3 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra; Gill Chapel, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

3 p.m.: Chatham-Wood Duo with soprano Nell Snaidas; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

3 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, *Mozart the Pionist*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Monday, January 30

Tuesday, January 31

1 to 3 p.m.: Annual Greeting Card Workshop; YWCA Princeton.

7 p.m. : Artist Talk:The Arts Council of Princeton in collaboration with the Princeton Public Library present photographer Alina Bliach and Judith Brodsky, director of the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper. The talk will be held in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library. Admission is free to the public.

7:30 p.m.: *The Magic Flute*, Mozart Festival Opera Company and Orchestra; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Underneath the Lintel*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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8 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers; Suzanne Patterson Center.

Thursday, February 2

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Freshman One-Act Festival; Theater Intime, Hamilton-Murray Theatre, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Melvin George with Susan Prekel; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Helikon Opera Theatre production of *Die Fledermaus*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Friday, February 3

8 p.m.: Boheme Opera, *An American Music Tribute*; Nassau Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: gospel singer CeCe Winans; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Saturday, February 4

8 p.m.: The Who's *Tommy*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Westminster Kantorei; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara C. Bastedo

Barbara Catherine Manning Bastedo, 82, of Hendersonville, N.C., formerly of Princeton, died January 4 at home of natural causes.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., she was a 1941 graduate of Roosevelt High School where she was considered the "outstanding player" on the girls' basketball team. She was a 1945 graduate of Wilson Teachers College in D.C.

During World War II, she worked for the Navy as what was called a "computer," doing calculations for classified cryptography projects.

In 1946 she married Walter Bastedo Jr., a Princeton native and University alumnus. They lived in Princeton until he finished his graduate studies, while she worked for the University administration. The couple later moved to accommodate his jobs in the aircraft industry, in 1947 to Levittown, Long Island, and in 1951 to Stony Brook, N.Y.

In Stony Brook, she was active in the Stony Brook Community United Methodist Church. She went back to teaching and worked for the New York Board of Cooperative Educational Services in special education, teaching emotionally disturbed children. She also became an elected, unpaid, union representative for the New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers. She went back to school and received a master's degree in special education from Adelphi University in 1974.

The Bastedos retired on the same day in 1985. They moved to Hendersonville, where they enjoyed 13 years of retired life and traveling together, frequently revisiting Princeton until Mr. Bastedo died in 1998.

A member of the Etowah United Methodist Church, Mrs. Bastedo was also active there in the American Association of University Women, WNC Quilters, Gleaners, the Red Hat Club, and the Rambling Ridge Book and Bridge clubs.

She is survived by two sons, Wayne and Ralph, both of Hendersonville; a daughter, Christine Brunner of Olympia, Wash.; two sisters, Mary Rose Weber of Miami, Fla. and Louise Lee of Columbia, Md.; a brother, David Manning of Mount Rainer, Md.; and a granddaughter.

A memorial service was held in Etowah, N.C. on January 8. Burial was January 11 beside her husband in the cemetery of the Princeton Baptist Church at Penns Neck.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Etowah United Methodist Church, Brickyard Road, Etowah, N.C. 28782.

Funeral arrangements were by Thomas Shepherd & Son, Inc., Hendersonville.

Judah Leon Jacobowitz

Judah Leon Jacobowitz, 81, of South Brunswick, a resident of the Princeton area since 1971, died in Princeton on December 23, 2005.

Born in the Bronx, where he grew up, he moved to New Jersey nearly 35 years ago.

He worked as a mechanical engineer for the Mobil Oil Corporation in Pennington until he retired in 1989. In that work, Mr. Jacobowitz helped design oil refineries, inventing a spiral that loops up and around smokestacks to help strengthen them against strong winds. Before Mobil he worked for the M.W.Kellogg Co., until they moved to Texas in 1970.

After attendingTownsend Harris High School, he entered the City College of New York where he earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He also served in the Army Air Corps during World War 2.

Although his professional career was in engineering, his personal preference was writing poetry. He published a book of poetry *A Taste of Bonaparte* and over a hundred poems in poetry journals. He won the 1985 New-Jersey statewide Poetry Competition and was a finalist in the 1984 Discovery/ The Nation contest. He also served as a president for the Delaware Valley Poets and is listed by "Poets & Writers Directory of American Poets and Writers.

He was a member of "Community Without Walls."

He is survived by his wife, Celia; a son, Elliott of Andover, Mass.; a daughter, Diane of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and his two granddaughters, Eliana and Jessi.

Services were held December 29th with arrangements by the Goldstein Funeral Chapel, Edison. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation of one's choice.

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Robert Slocum Garber

Remember that one of the great things in life is to be a great man, not necessarily a big man. Let your actions be great but preserve your personal modest and humility.
-Anonymous

Somehow this admonition from a source now unknown seems to fit snugly the career of Dr. Robert S. Garber; a capable knowledgeable man and a dedicated physician. Born May 16, 1912 and passed away December 5, 2005, even the name of his birthplace, Homestead, Pennsylvania, seems to fit his overall picture. Early in his career, the lovely Ruth Hoffman appeared on the scene and their 1936 marriage was later blessed by two lovely daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Franklin and Marshall College was to furnish his classical education and Jefferson Medical College sent him forth as a well-equipped physician in 1937. He interned at Cooper Hospital in New Jersey and while there took a special interest in the psychiatric problems which the general hospitals afford. This interest led him to a psychiatric residency at Trenton State Hospital (1938 to 1941). Dr. Garber went to work at Trenton with a will, and was fortunate enough to encounter Dr. Nolan Lewis en route. Dr. Lewis had been among the first psychiatry's "triple-threat men," for he was a psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and neurologist who was also knowledgeable in the fields of neuropathology and various research problems.

In 1948 Dr. Garber became the assistant medical director of Trenton State Hospital and remained in that capacity until 1952. However, Cooper Hospital was unwilling to lose sight of a man of his caliber and when World War II broke out they called Dr. Garber back to become the psychiatrist for the 61st Station Hospital. The hospital was made up of Cooper Hospital staff members and because Dr. Garber was their first intern to become a psychiatrist they sought him to return as part of their "military family."

On June 26, 1942 Dr. Garber joined up as a 1st lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps and in November 1942 he arrived in Oran. He spent a year in Africa in an Evacuation Hospital and the next 2 years served the 12th and later the 15th Air Force at Foggia, Italy. In January 1946 Garber was discharged from the military with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

At this time the State of New Jersey, probably influenced by the reputations of Drs. Lewis and Garber, saw the wisdom of opening a Neuropsychiatric Institute with research as its primary purpose. Dr. Garber was made its superintendent, a post he held until 1958. In that year he was invited to become Medical Director of the Carrier Clinic, a privately owned psychiatric hospital situated in Belle Mead, New Jersey.

Meanwhile, Dr. Garber moved on to the national scene and seemed to be willing to help anyone anywhere whose purpose was to better the lot of psychiatric patients. Awards and honors came swiftly to him: the seventh Noland D.C. Lewis Award, the first Mt. Airy Gold Medal, the New Jersey Psychiatric Association Golden Medal Award (1974) and the Malvern Award in 1978, to name a few. In January 1982 he received the first National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals Presidential Award.

Dr. Garber became president of the prestigious Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry in 1963 and in that same year, Secretary of The American Psychiatric Association, eventually becoming its President in 1970. Directorships, chairmanships, and official positions too numerous to mention here, were awarded to him in rapid succession.

All the while Dr. Garber carried on teaching duties as befitting a well-rounded clinician and he rose from Clinical Assistantship at Jefferson Medical College to Visiting Associate Professorship in that same institution between 1964 and 1977. Also at this time he became an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Temple University Medical School, while at Rutgers Medical School he was made a Visiting Professor. At the Carrier Clinic he held the position of Medical Director and he became President in 1973. He held that title until November 3, 1981.

On November 15, 1984 Dr. Garber bid good-bye to the hospital which he had graced and moved to the warmer climate of Osprey, Florida. His beloved wife passed away in 1987. He has resided at Islands West of Long Boat Key, Florida for the past 18 years.

Dr. Garber is survived by daughter Patricia R.G. Thaler and her husband, Phil, of Bradentown, FL, Susan E.G. Thaler and her husband, Brian, of Westminister, CA, two grandsons, Robert Marcus Thaler and his wife, Bonnie, of Plano, TX, Adam Christopher Thaler and his wife, Amy, of Sicklerville, NJ, two granddaughters, Meghan and Devon McDonald, two great-granddaughters, Amanda Courtney and Hailey Brooke Thaler and a great-grandson, Joshua Scott Thaler.

Services will be private. Donations can be made to the following in lieu of flowers: to Carrier Clinic, Belle Mead NJ; American Psychiatric Association, 1000 Wilson Blvd Suite 1825, Arlington, VA 22298, Attention of Membership; Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238.

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Curtis William Lasell

Curtis William Lasell, 52, of Somerset, died on December 20, 2005, at Park Place Center in Monmouth Junction after a long illness.

Born and raised in Martinez, California, he had been a resident of New Jersey since 1978. From 1980 to 1993 he served as principal organist at the Princeton University Chapel, with the exception of two years spent in Germany studying manuscripts of 17th Century organ music. He was internationally recognized for his wortk in this field.

He is survived by his parents, Bernice M. and Ernest R. Lasell, his sister Carol Ann Young, and his brother Peter R. Lasell, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m. in the Princeton University Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Open Arms Foundation, 411 Courtyard Drive, Hillsborough, N.J. 08844, or to the Dryden Ensemble, 105 West Prospect Street, Hopewell, N.J. 08525.

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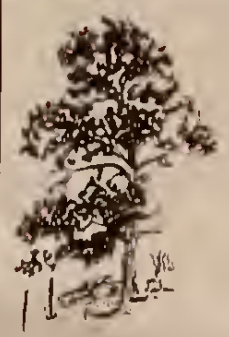

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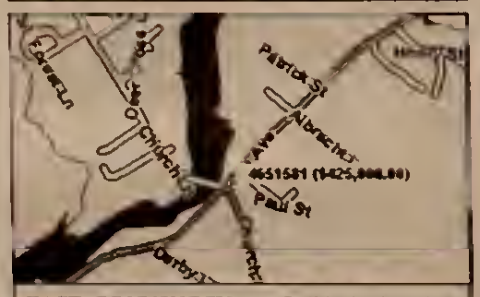

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